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Closure on territories lifted

ALON PINKAS

THE closure imposed on the territories on Rosh Hashana Eve was to be lifted at 4 a.m. this morning, and Palestinian laborers are now allowed to enter Israel under certain limitations, the IDF announced yesterday.

Only married men over 35 will be permitted to enter from the Gaza Strip, as will men 30 and older from the West Bank. The entry of vehicles carrying territories license plates will be prohibited, and employers will be required to pick up their workers at designated crossing points.

The closure, which was extended six times since its imposition, was one of the longest in recent years. Throughout its duration, no incidents were registered, prompting officers in Central Command to stress that virtual separation is effective.

"It's a fact of life, and a simple one. When there is a closure, there are no attacks. The friction between Israelis and Palestinians is at a minimum, and the ability of terrorists to plan and carry out their attacks is significantly diminished," said one source.

When the closure was initially imposed and every time it was extended, the security authorities had said they had obtained information a suicide attack was planned to mark Hamas's opposition to the signing of the Oslo 2 agreement. But in its statement on the lifting of the closure, the IDF made no mention of such an attack, nor of its potential perpetrators.

Jenin redeployment to begin next week, Page 12

September CPI up 1%

THE consumer price index rose 1 percent in September, in line with expectations, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported Sunday.

It was the second month in a row that the index has risen 1% or more, and the economy is now on target for inflation of around 8% for the year.

Salaried employees will likely receive a modest cost-of-living increment in their February pay checks.

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Six killed in Lebanon buried today

Shahak: I suspect this war will drag on

DAVID RUDGE

TENSION remained high in southern Lebanon yesterday, as fighting continued after Sunday's roadside bomb blast in the security zone in which six Golani Brigade soldiers were killed and another wounded.

All six are to be buried today: Capt. Yossi Ohana, 24, from Ashdod, in the military section of the Ashdod Cemetery; St-Sgt. Guy Hadad, 21, from Moshav Yishi, in the military section of the Beit Shemesh Cemetery; St-Sgt. Eyal Dror, 21, from Moshav Meona, in the military section of the Nahariya Cemetery; St-Sgt. Eyal Sameah, 21, from Ramat Gan, in the military section of the Kiryat Shmuel Cemetery; Sgt. Yair Barak, 20, from Petah Tikva, in the military section of Segula Cemetery in Petah Tikva; and Sgt. Yotam Inbar, 20, from Neveh Ephraim, in the military section of the Kiryat Shmuel Cemetery.

Heavy shelling by IDF gunners of Hizbullah targets north of the zone was reported yesterday, after two SLA soldiers were lightly wounded in a long-range attack on a post in the Rehav region - not far from where the Golani soldiers were killed.

Another SLA position in the Almana region, in the central sector of the zone, also came under mortar fire yesterday, prompting heavy return fire by IDF and SLA gunners. There were no reports of any casualties in that incident, for which the Amal Shi'ite organization claimed responsibility.

Reports from Lebanon said IAF helicopter gunships were in action on Sunday and yesterday and warplanes flew low over several southern Lebanese villages

change of tactics has proven even more impressive.

The war in Lebanon is a guerrilla war with all its distinct characteristics. In such a war, especially if protracted, the smaller and more flexible force, which enjoys the support of the population, can inflict heavy losses on the larger force - and almost inevitably wins.

It is true that the IDF has exacted a heavy price from Hizbullah over the last few months. But in military terms, the erosion ratio - the number of casualties each side sustains and is willing to continue sustaining - favors Hizbullah, even if it suffers a higher number of casualties.

Israel has both military and political (Continued on Page 4)



Sgt. Yotam Inbar



Sgt. Yair Barak



St-Sgt. Guy Hadad



Capt. Yossi Ohana



St-Sgt. Eyal Sameah



St-Sgt. Eyal Dror

Bad luck in a guerrilla war

COMMENT
ALON PINKAS

successes were a combination of circumstances," he said.

"This is a war," Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said.

It is indeed a war, but not the type of war the IDF is experienced in fighting. The various changes in force deployment there are merely tactical - more incursions and less static observation posts; frequent changes in military traffic routines; more small-scale operations and fewer artillery barrages.

These measures have proved successful, but Hizbullah's ability to quickly adjust to Israel's

Cabinet to hold special session

ALON PINKAS and Itim

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin has called a special cabinet meeting this morning to brief ministers on the latest round of fighting in southern Lebanon and on the attacks Thursday and Sunday in which nine soldiers were killed.

Rabin held several meetings on operations in Lebanon with the IDF top brass on Sunday and over the holiday.

Immediately after Sunday's attack, Rabin was briefed by Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Amiram Levine.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said yesterday a limited action in Lebanon is called for as a response to the attacks.

"We know that it's no problem to decide on a major action. But a major action does not guarantee a major success," said Sarid, who was one of those totally opposed to the 1982 war in Lebanon. "We have learned how to go into Lebanon, but not how to get out."

"An action that doesn't improve the situation isn't worthwhile. We must also consider the northern border settlements. We are totally committed to their defense, and it is forbidden to expose them to dangers a civilian population cannot bear."

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu called on the government to give the IDF a free hand to attack Hizbullah bases in southern Lebanon, and said the opposition would support a government decision to attack terrorist bases.

and towns.

The six soldiers killed Sunday were from the same battalion as three others killed in a Hizbullah ambush in the same region of the zone last Thursday night.

At about 5:30 a.m., the six were riding in the first of two armored personnel carriers with

others - one of them, Hadad, critically and the other moderately.

They were evacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where doctors and nurses fought unsuccessfully for nearly three hours to save Hadad's life.

An investigation of the incident

US urges Syria to restrain Hizbullah, Page 2

the unit's commanding officer, Capt. Ohana, when it pulled off the asphalt road onto a dirt track, detonating a device containing an estimated 30 to 50 kilograms of explosives.

The blast ripped through the APC, instantly killing five of the soldiers inside and wounding two

dent by Northern Command will probably seek to determine whether the troops had received special orders to set out on their duties before, apparently, the road had been swept and pronounced clear.

In addition, the type of APCs (Continued on Page 2)

Hundreds of thousands of blacks mass in Washington

News agencies

WASHINGTON - Hundreds of thousands of black men massed near the US Capitol yesterday to the sound of African drums, flutes, and gospel singing, summoned by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to a "Million Man March" of racial unity and uplift.

President Bill Clinton, far away in Texas, led a wary US establishment in lauding the inspirational goals of the rally, while rejecting "one man's message of malice and division" - an unmistakable reference to Farrakhan, a fiery orator accused by critics of race-baiting and antisemitism.

But those who poured into Washington by bus, car, and train

shrugged off such warnings as they massed shoulder-to-shoulder in a festive mood on Washington's vast, central Mall, cheering and applauding as early speakers urged them to "March on, black men!" and shouted, "God bless the black man!"

Standing before the multitude, Farrakhan countered claims that he is a bigot, saying the idea behind yesterday's event was one of hope.

"Today, whether you like it or not, God brought the idea through me," said Farrakhan, flanked by uniformed followers. "He didn't bring it through me because my heart was dark with hatred and antisemitism or hatred of white people. If my heart was that dark, how is the message so bright?"

Farrakhan, 62, conceived the rally as a "day of atonement" in which black men - women were not invited - would regulate the crime, drug addiction, and family abuse that have crippled American black communities, and dedicate themselves to a self-started economic and spiritual resurgence.

While US Park Police said they would offer no official crowd estimate until late in the afternoon, it was apparent that the count would run at least into the several hundred thousands.

Before the crowd, Washington Mayor Marion Barry, who was once jailed for using drugs, thanked God for his recovery.

"The vision for the Million Man March came directly from God himself," Barry told the rally. "It was God-inspired ... Whether we call God Jesus Christ, Yahweh, Jehovah, Allah, or just God, he's God."

Yet an undercurrent of anger was evident.

"The powers here have not wished us well," the Rev. Robert Smith called out in a morning sermon. "They took our wives, took our children, enslaved us to

the point we adopted a slave mentality. In spite of what they've done to us over the years, we are here today."

Barry and his wife, Cora Masters Barry, and poet Maya Angelou were to speak, along with Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York, and Rep. Donald Payne, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Clinton chose this day to deliver a philosophical call for racial harmony in a speech at the University of Texas in Austin, saying there must be only "one America" - an implicit rejection of Farrakhan's calls for black independence.

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Jack Harounian

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A report by Baring Securities of London on the Israeli capital market states: "The First International Bank is innovative and aggressive, strong loan and deposit growth should continue...one of the most profitable banks...with a balanced credit portfolio...FIBI is in the best position to weather the forthcoming structural changes in the banking sector." May 1995

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A report on the Israeli banking system by Furman and Seligman of New York states: "First International Bank is a stand-out versus other international banking comparisons, with operating margins of 38%, net margins of 17-18%, a dividend yield of 4.5%, plus excellent management and a conservative balance sheet and lending policy." January 1995

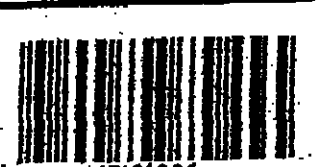
Bank of Israel staff choose the First International Bank Bank of Israel employees have chosen the First International Bank Group to manage their Menzja provident fund deposits. April 1995

Teachers choose First International Bank The advanced study fund managements of the Israel Teachers Federation and the Post-Elementary School Teachers Association have transferred the management of their funds to the First International Bank Group. The transfer involves a total of NIS 2.1 billion from 110,000 members accounts. July 95

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US urges Syria to restrain Hizbullah

News agencies

WASHINGTON — The United States urged Syria yesterday to use its influence to end the violence in Lebanon after Hizbullah gunmen killed six IDF soldiers in an ambush on Sunday.

"We would urge Syria to use its influence to control the violence, to end the violence and stabilize the situation in order to increase or enhance the prospects for peace in Lebanon," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

"Syria, we believe, does not control Hizbullah, but Syria clearly has the capability to influence the behavior of Hizbullah," he said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher phoned Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Sunday about the attack. Him reported that Christopher asked Peres to temper Israel's response to the attack, while Peres requested that the US put pressure on Syria to actively curb Hizbullah activities.

In Damascus, the government newspaper said yesterday that Israel is to blame for the killing of its soldiers in south Lebanon.

"Israel's aggressive policy is fully responsible for the killing of its soldiers, so long as its army is still occupying others' lands and launching daily aggressions



Soldiers rush a comrade wounded in Lebanon on Sunday to treatment.

(Avihu Shepira/Israel Sun)

against south Lebanon," said the government's *Al-Ba'ath* newspaper.

Alon Pinkas adds:

At a briefing on Sunday, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said: "I do not see a connection between

these incidents and a stalemate in negotiations with Syria. The Hizbullah-Iran-Syria link existed before the stalemate and exists to

day. What I can tell you is that the Syrians are not preventing Hizbullah from operating against us as they could have."

Arafat would free Hamas prisoners in exchange for promise that attacks on Israel will cease

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat held a secret meeting in Malta on Saturday with senior Moslem Brotherhood representatives from Sudan and offered them a deal to halt attacks on Israel, sources in Gaza said.

Arafat asked the Brotherhood to order Hamas to halt attacks from autonomous areas for nine months, so as not to disrupt the IDF redeployment in the West Bank, the sources said.

In exchange, Arafat promised to release all Hamas prisoners.

There was no information on the outcome of Arafat's offer. According to the sources, Hamas

representatives from Jordan who were invited to the meeting did not show up for the meeting.

Arafat yesterday released a senior Hamas leader, Sheikh Ahmed Bahar, as part of intensifying cease-fire negotiations with his political rivals.

Bahar had been arrested in June, along with other senior Hamas officials, after a series of suicide bombings by the group in Israel.

Bahar's release came after Arafat met with Sheikh Abdullah Darwish, leader of the Islamic Movement in Israel, who has served as mediator between the two sides.

PINHAS INBARI and news agencies

"Now Hamas and the [Palestinian] National Authority are in agreement on the ground. The agreement on the ground is ready and only the signing on paper remains," Darwish told reporters while Bahar nodded in approval.

Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi said there was progress in the negotiations between officials from Arafat's government and Hamas on the terms of the group's political participation.

"The discussion today has brought positive and tangible results," Tibi said. "There is still

some work to be done."

Darwish said that Arafat has promised to release additional Hamas activists in the future.

A PLO official said an understanding has already been reached and he expects a deal to be signed within two to three weeks.

Bahar said the signing of an agreement could come even before Israel begins a troop redeployment from West Bank towns due to start on October 22.

"This [agreement] is not related to the redeployment but it will happen, God willing, and I hope it will be before the redeployment," Bahar said.

The PA last week released Hamas's main spokesman in Gaza, Mahmoud Zahar. At least two other senior Hamas men remain in Palestinian prisons.

Darwish and Tibi called on Israel to help Palestinian reconciliation succeed by freeing Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, jailed in 1989 for life for ordering the abduction and killing of two Israeli soldiers in 1988.

"The Israeli government is required to contribute to the stability in the area."

"And stability will not become complete so long as this holy struggling sheikh remains in Israeli jails," Tibi said.

Jenin area Fatah offices remain open

News agencies

JENIN area Fatah leaders on Sunday opened five offices in villages near Jenin that were raided by the IDF the previous day on suspicion they were suspected of being branches of Col. Jibril Rajoub's Preventive Security Service.

"The office is open. We'll go on opening these offices in preparation to receive our National Authority, and we will not respond to the [Israeli] military," Mohammed Kabaha, an official at the office in Yabad, told Reuters.

"These offices all will remain

open," said Kadoura Mousa, PLO leader Yasser Arafat's representative in the north of the West Bank.

Fatah leaders from the Jenin area were summoned to the military governor's office on Sunday and were told that the Palestinian Authority has no right to open offices in areas which are not under its control.

However, Mousa said the offices belong to Fatah and the PSS does not have offices in the Jenin

area.

Military sources said that during Saturday's raid no communications or security equipment was found.

Meanwhile, Jenin-based PSS agents said yesterday they had saved a female IDF soldier from an angry crowd after she accidentally drove into the city and hit a car driven by an Israeli Arab. However, police said the soldier and the other driver came to a checkpoint together and reported the incident and the soldier was not in danger.

GSS nabs kidnap suspect

ALON PINKAS

GENERAL Security Service agents and soldiers on Sunday arrested Walid Khaled Mashkara, suspected of trying to kidnap IDF soldier Ofer Vaknin near Yokne'am last month.

The army confirmed the arrest last night.

Mashkara, 22, of Jenin refugee camp, was the driver and accomplice of another Jenin resident who attacked Vaknin on September 21 and tried to wrest his rifle away from him, but was captured by the soldier, who was later cited

by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

Vaknin was hitchhiking at the Tishbi junction, about a kilometer north of Yokne'am, when car stopped and a man armed with a knife emerged from the passenger's side.

After the struggle, the car, driven by Mashkara, sped away and, near Ramat Yishai, crashed into a wall.

Mashkara escaped, but identification documents were found in the car's glove compartment.

SIX KILLED

and Sunday's bombing. Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah held a televised meeting with the members of the squad who reportedly carried out the ambush against an IDF convoy, which had been traveling in civilian vehicles with Lebanese license plates.

Nasrallah praised the gunmen, saying they were in the midst of their "jihad" and the escalation of activities against the "Zionist enemy."

"I don't have enough words to express my admiration for our heroes," said Nasrallah, who hit back at OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine for the losses inflicted on the organization by the IDF.

"Who has the initiative now? What will Rabin and Levine say this time — that it was pure luck or coincidence?" Nasrallah was quoted as saying.

Despite the attack and the uncertainty of reprisals, the North was packed with holidaymakers yesterday.

SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, who spoke to reporters after meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday in the zone, warned that Lebanon would pay a heavy price if the wave of terrorist attacks against the south continued.

(Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.)

To mark the thirtieth day, after our son,

NITAI SHEFTS ז"ל

tell in the line of duty, we shall visit the grave at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 1995 (Tishrei 25, 5756).

At 5:30 p.m., there will be a memorial meeting in the kibbutz dining room.

The Family
Kibbutz Nahshon

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Tammy, Daphy, and Dan

The unveiling of the tombstone of

ISRAEL KOSCHITZKY ז"ל

will be held on Wednesday, October 18 (24 Tishrei 5756), at 10:00 a.m. at the Eretz Hachaim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh

Transportation will be provided from the Laromme Hotel, Jerusalem at 9:15 a.m.

The Koschitzky Family

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MIRIAM ENGEL ז"ל

The funeral took place on Friday, October 13, 1995, at Kibbutz Netzer Sereni.

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Kibbutz Netzer Sereni

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has passed away

Widow of Dr. Gustav Krojanker

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Shiva at the deceased's home: 5 Brenner Street, Jerusalem
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The bereaved: **David, Leorah, Michal, and Tamar Krojanker**
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הקדמת האל

Claes asks to see parliament

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Willy Claes, his position as NATO Secretary-General in the hands of Belgium's parliament, yesterday asked to address the assembly in person, defying pressure to resign over allegations about his role in a bribery scandal.

Confirming a report by the Belgian news agency Belga, a spokeswoman for parliament said, "Mr Claes has asked to be heard by the parliament." She said a date had not yet been fixed.

But it is widely expected that parliament will debate Claes's role in the so-called Agusta affair on Thursday and vote on a request from Belgium's highest court that he be sent for trial to answer allegations of corruption, fraud and forgery.

A majority of an 11-member parliamentary commission recommended early on Saturday that parliament grant the request.

If a full session endorses the request from the Cour de Cassation, Claes's position at NATO will become untenable.

The assembly could also allow the court to continue its investigation into Claes's possible role in the 1988/89 scandal, when he was Economic Affairs Minister, although that would not remove any of the suspicions hanging over the NATO chief's head.

Other scandals are now shaking European capitals as a seemingly endless parade of officials face accusations of abusing positions of power.

After years of anger and frustration with governments for failing to create jobs and provide steady economic growth, European citizens now have taken to finding their leaders at fault for a variety of alleged crimes.

• A former Italian prime minister is on trial, accused of cavorting with the Mafia. Another has been ordered to trial in a bribery probe.

• France's prime minister has seen his hold on power threatened by allegations of conflict of interest.

• In Sweden, the woman previously tipped to be the next prime minister has admitted breaking guidelines on the use of government funds.

• Spain's government is struggling to stay in power amid allegations it approved a "dirty war" against urban guerrillas.

The scandals are not linked, except that money plays a role in most of them, but the emergence of so many cases at once is not totally surprising to those who study such events.

"I don't think it is a coincidence," said Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a research fellow at Britain's Brunel University, who studies incidents of political corruption.

"There are Teflon periods (when nothing sticks on politicians) and there are periods of mistrust," he said.

Japan to press US over report on CIA industrial spying

TOKYO (AP) - Japan will ask the US government about a published report that the Central Intelligence Agency spied on Japanese auto negotiators earlier this year, the government's chief spokesman said yesterday.

"In order to maintain trust between the two countries, it is only natural for us to ask the US government to clarify the report," the spokesman, Koken Nosaka, told a news conference.

Nosaka said he has already asked the Foreign Ministry to submit the request to the US side.

The spokesman's comment came after The New York Times reported Sunday that the CIA eavesdropped on talks between Japanese trade officials and Japanese auto executives, and reported the results daily to US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

Monitoring of Japanese discussions among trade negotiators and automakers was part of the CIA's growing role in economic

spying, the Times said.

Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama shrugged off the report, saying any such espionage activities had not influenced the outcome of the bilateral auto trade talks.

Trade minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who reportedly was spied on, expressed displeasure.

"This is something that does not make me very happy," Hashimoto told reporters.

Kantor was provided with summaries of conversations between Japanese bureaucrats and executives from Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co., the report said. It also said the CIA offered an analysis of pressures on Hashimoto to negotiate an agreement with the United States.

Toyota called the alleged spying "unthinkable," but refused to comment further.

But one government official familiar with the trade talks, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

said he was not surprised by the Times report because he had always suspected such espionage. However, the official said it would not have affected the auto talks to Japan's disadvantage.

Critics of the CIA's secret information-gathering for the Commerce and Treasury departments and the US trade office during the past several years say the material gathered had not been all that valuable.

In the case of the Japanese luxury car imports, intelligence proved of limited use in predicting what steps the Japanese side was willing to take to reach an accord. The agreement chipped away at market barriers without removing them, and the United States was seen by many as the overall loser.

Before the talks, the United States had threatened billions of dollars in sanctions against Japanese luxury autos. The threat was not carried out.



Two Bosnian Serb soldiers uncover an artillery piece yesterday. A shaky cease-fire has been in effect since Thursday. (AP)

Bosnian Serbs sack 4 generals

BANJA LUKA (AP) - Rebel Serb leaders sacked four generals yesterday, hoping to deflect blame for humiliating battlefield losses to government and Croat forces in northwestern Bosnia.

UN officials said a nationwide truce, which began Thursday, was mostly holding yesterday, and front lines had stabilized in the northwest. Fighting raged there over the weekend as Moslem-led government and allied Croat troops pursued an offensive against rebel Serbs.

In neighboring Croatia, US Ambassador Peter Galbraith and UN diplomats were meeting Serb leaders in an effort to defuse tensions as Croatian army troops and tanks were reported moving toward eastern Slavonia, the last Serb-held area in Croatia.

Bosnian Serb leaders met for the third day yesterday, struggling to resolve deep rifts in their ranks. Four top generals were dismissed, and Dusan Kozic, the premier of the Serbs' self-styled government resigned, apparently taking the fall for Serb leader Radovan Karadzic.

In comments after the meeting, Karadzic appeared to be in a conciliatory mood, saying, "Those generals certainly have contributed to our defense, but we needed some refreshment and some young people with new energy."

But Momcilo Krajcnik, leader of the Bosnian Serb's assembly, said the generals were sacked "because of bad defense" and a "passive" attitude.

Deputy Serb commander Gen. Milan Gvero and military intelligence chief Gen. Zdravko Tolimir, as well as two local commanders in northwestern Bosnia, were sacked, Serb media reported.

The dismissals appeared to strengthen Karadzic, who is at odds with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, his former patron.

Milosevic dumped the Bosnian Serbs last year and told the world he was for peace in hopes of having punishing international sanctions against his nation lifted. He now negotiates on behalf of the Bosnian Serbs.

The Serbs lost large pieces of land in northwestern Bosnia in recent weeks, leading to speculation that Serb soldiers were ordered to withdraw. About 50,000 Serb refugees have fled the latest fighting.

In a cruel irony, many of those refugees are now at Omarska, former site of one of the most notorious prison camps set up when Serb rebels overran much of Bosnia in 1992. A field hospital has been treating both civilians and soldiers wounded in the latest fighting. Aid workers say some older refugees are dying, apparently exhausted after being uprooted by rapid shifts in front lines in recent weeks.

Bosnian government officials claim as the Serb troops fled, they killed as many as 700 Moslem and Croat civilians in the towns of Sasinje and Trnovo and buried most of them.

There was no independent confirmation, but an Associated Press reporter saw 14 decomposing bodies near the town of Sanski Most, recaptured by government and Croat forces last week. There was no evidence of who had killed them.

A mechanized Croatian army unit, including 22 tanks, seen crossing from Bosnia back into Croatia had moved to within 20 km of Serb-held eastern Croatia, UN spokeswoman Kirsten Haupt reported yesterday.

In addition, more than 2,500 Croatian troops have moved away from positions along Bosnia's northern border with Croatia, but there was no immediate word yesterday on where they were headed.

The United States, which brokered the cease-fire in Bosnia as a prelude to peace talks later this month, says the reintegration of the Serb-held land in Croatia should be an integral part of any final peace settlement.

Ciller reaches coalition accord

ANKARA (AP) - Prime Minister Tansu Ciller reached a coalition agreement yesterday that could keep her in office a day after losing a vote of confidence.

"We decided to form a coalition not to leave the country without a government," Ciller said after meeting with Deniz Baykal, the leader of the Republican Peoples Party.

Turkey's first woman leader made the announcement on her way to the presidential palace to meet with President Suleyman Demirel. She submitted her resignation to Demirel, as required after losing the confidence vote.

Demirel has the constitutional power to ask Ciller to head a new government, or name a new person.

He was expected to make a decision after talks with party leaders later in the day.

Demirel had canceled an official visit to Washington this week following the fall of Ciller's government, expecting a prolonged political stalemate.

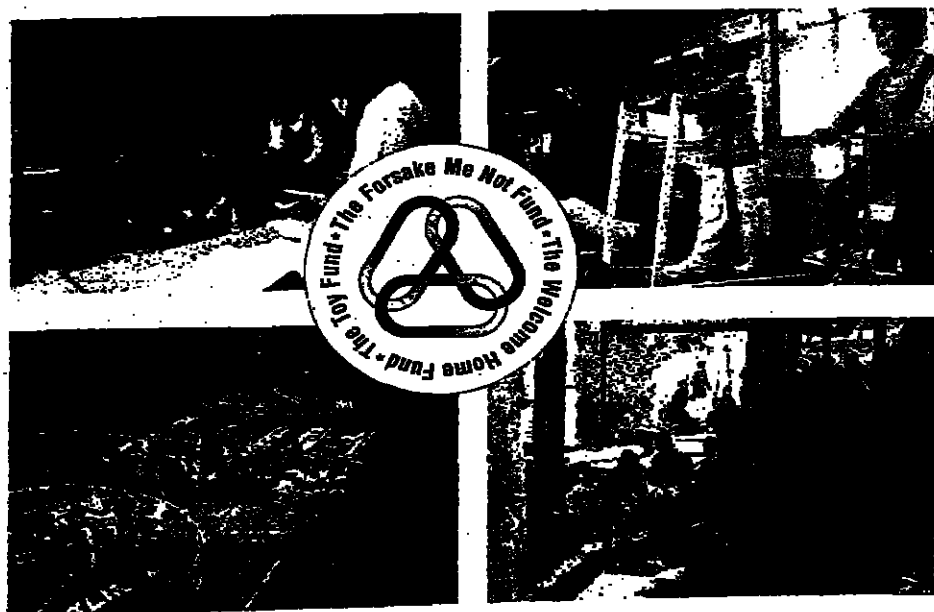
Ciller had formed a minority government with her center-right True Path Party to replace the coalition that collapsed in September after the social democrats withdrew in a dispute over economic austerity measures.

In addition to the split on belt-tightening measures, Baykal had also been demanding that Ciller fire Istanbul police chief Necdet Menzir, who had accused the social democrats of undermining the police battle against terrorism.

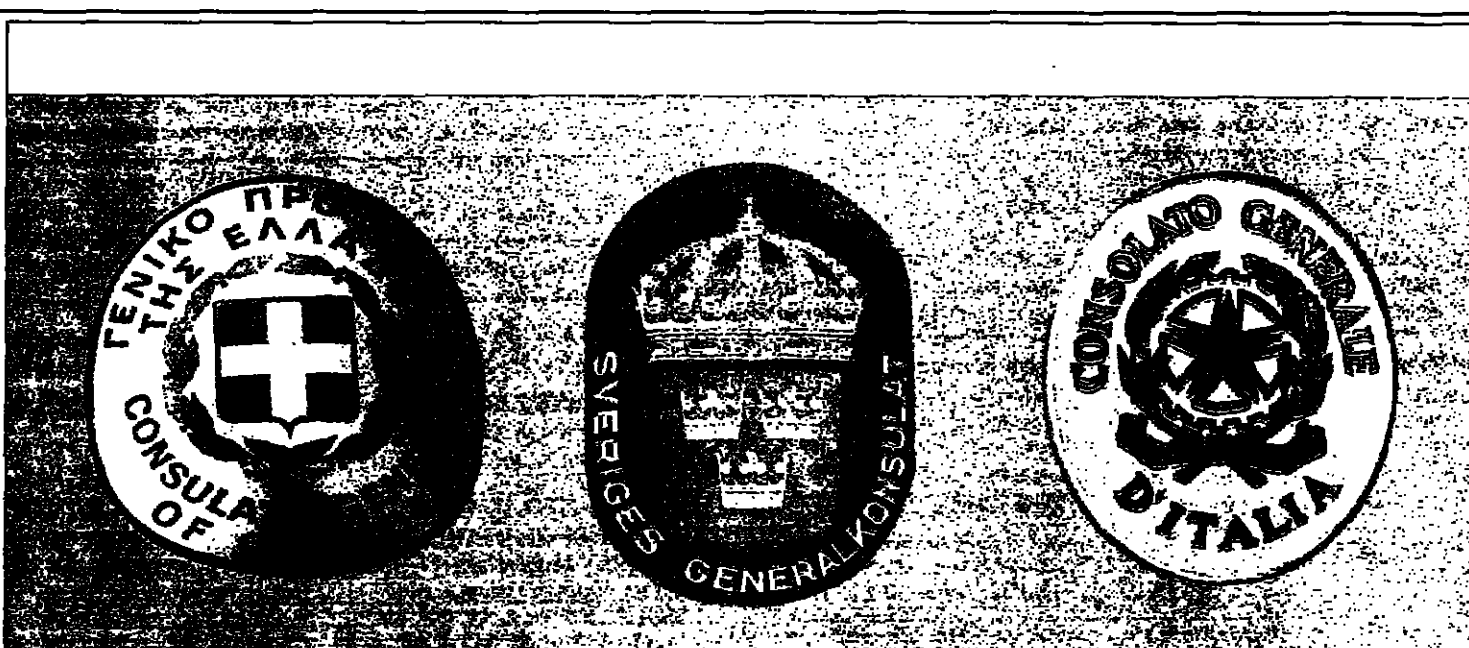
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Farrakhan now a leader who can't be ignored

BACKGROUND

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LOUIS Farrakhan, who gave up his career as a calypso singer to become the fiery voice of hatred and antisemitism in America, was anointed yesterday when hundreds of thousands of black men heeded his call and converged on the US Capitol.

It is a prospect that terrifies white Americans, challenges the traditional black leadership, and leaves many blacks defensive.

The "Million Man March" was conceived by Farrakhan, whose powerful message of black fellowship and self-help has been entangled with, and often energized by, unrelenting bigotry.

Although he has long led the Nation of Islam, a Black Moslem organization, his notoriety has come from his vicious attacks on Jews as "blood suckers" and "slave traders."

Before yesterday's demonstration, he was a demagogue leading an organization with perhaps 20,000 members. Today, he is the man who may have pulled more people to Washington than did Martin Luther King in the 1963 civil rights march that was seen as the proud dawn of a promising new era.

With legitimacy conferred by those on the mall and the famous on the dais, Farrakhan cannot be ignored, although much of the traditional black leadership had tried.

While blacks "as a community are in deep trouble at this hour, I do not trust Louis Farrakhan ... to lead us to the Promised Land," Mary Frances Berry, chairman of the US Commission on Civil

Rights, wrote in a recent letter to *The Washington Post*. He "routinely expresses the most despicable, antisemitic, racist, sexist, and homophobic attitudes imaginable."

Among the notable absentees yesterday was Colin Powell, the retired general who has been courted as presidential material by both political parties, and who has previously warned blacks not to detour into a "swamp of hatred." The massive crowd boomed when his name was mentioned.

Before the demonstration, many blacks defensively had tried to distance themselves from Farrakhan the messenger, although they agreed with much of his message about "a holy day of atonement and reconciliation."

The demonstration, they said, was about black men's unity, and it was not centered around one man. To focus on Farrakhan, they argued, was to overlook — or ignore — issues that plague the black community.

The demonstration had been cast as "Farrakhan's march" and had shifted "the focus from black pain to white anxiety," Cornel West, a prominent black scholar at Harvard University, wrote unhappily in Saturday's *New York Times*.

However, others in the black community suggested that the demonstration was never intended to improve the lot of American blacks. Instead, said Michael Meyers, head of the New York Civil Rights Coalition, the intent was to "hail" Farrakhan, the "apostle of antisemitism."

Non-Aligned Movement seeking new relevance

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — Delegates from developing nations arriving in this Caribbean resort city under heavy security hope to give a fresh face to the Non-Aligned Movement in the post-Cold War era.

With heads of state of 45 nations expected to come to Cartagena later in the week for a summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, delegates began outlining their vision of the future of the group, created in the 1950s by poorer countries seeking to avoid domination by either the United States or the Soviet Union.

"Now that the two blocs don't exist, we must unite efforts to seek peace and prosperity," Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas told a press conference.

One resolution expected to be proposed at the summit, which

officially opens tomorrow, is for the Non-Aligned Movement to seek a revamping of the United Nations' charter to allow them a representative seat on the Security Council.

Chilean diplomat Juan Pablo Lira suggested that the 113 Non-Aligned Movement members put aside political differences to form a bloc in the United Nations to pass resolutions benefiting their countries.

Some nations intend to use the summit to establish or strengthen trade relations. Foreign ministers began meeting yesterday, preparing for the full-level meeting, which is to be held from today to Friday.

Heads of state slated to attend include Cuba's Fidel Castro, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan.

BAD LUCK

(Continued from Page 1) lical options. Militarily, to borrow Cold War concepts, the options are massive retaliation or flexible response.

The first — a large-scale invasion or armored incursion deep into Lebanon — was tried rather unsuccessfully in 1978 and 1982. These yielded far more complicated problems, militarily and politically, than those the policy sought to solve.

Such an option also almost inevitably means a retaliatory barrage of Katyushas falling on the North, which the security zone was designed to prevent, not encourage.

The second option depends on constant top-rate intelligence information and surgically hitting Hizbullah, either with small infantry units or accurate aerial attacks. The record here is mixed. This tactic been successful in preventing cross-border infiltration, but it also created the current status quo in which Hizbullah occasionally scores successes.

Then there are the political op-

tions. Perhaps the entire security zone concept should be critically reviewed, something which has not occurred in the decade since its establishment.

Israel, despite all obvious differences, is trapped in a Vietnam dilemma. Withdraw, on the basis of Hizbullah's stated policy that it is only resisting Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon, and you are depicted as being beaten, in addition to paying a heavy price in the future if proven wrong. Deepen the involvement, and you may still lose, yet never really know whether withdrawal would have been effective.

The one viable option seems to be a combination: increased offensive military pressure on Hizbullah, on a limited scale and on selected targets, complemented by bringing American and international political pressure to bear on Syria to force it to cease its material support of Hizbullah. Israel cannot be content with more futile statements accusing Damascus of refusing to curtail the organization.

BLACKS

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He lauded the Washington march for being about "black men taking renewed respect for themselves, their families and their communities — it's about saying no to crime and violence and drugs."

But Clinton added in his veiled swipe at Farrakhan: "One million men do not make right one man's message of malice and division. No good house was ever built on

a bad foundation. Nothing good ever came of hate."

A Farrakhan aide, meanwhile, has said Jews should "go to hell" and be prepared for war, the *Chicago Tribune* reported yesterday. "I say to Jewish America: Get ready ... knuckle up, put your boots on, because we're ready and the war is going down," the newspaper quoted Quaneil X, the newspaper's youth minister for the Nation of Islam, as saying.



Black men from throughout the US walk down Washington's Mall yesterday to participate in the rally organized by controversial Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan as a day of atonement and reconciliation for black men. (Reuters)

99% of Iraqis 'reelect' Saddam

THOMAS WAGNER

BAGHDAD

SADDAM Hussein's unprecedented step in holding a national referendum to confirm him as president for another seven years indicates he could be planning new moves in his five-year-old confrontation with the United Nations.

Saddam, who has ruled Iraq with a grip of iron since 1979, won his referendum with a landslide 99.96 million votes, as expected.

The government announced yesterday that 8,348,700 of the 8,357,560 Iraqis who were allowed to vote endorsed Saddam, 58, as their leader.

Izzat Ibrahim, the referendum organizer and the No.2 man in the regime, declared that the result showed that Iraqis "love him and he loves them."

Saddam, who has never felt the need to put his leadership before his subservient people before, took the unusual step of calling the referendum to show his many opponents, including some in the military, that he remains in firm control despite recent setbacks.

He also appears to have used the poll to distract his people from the painful effects of the UN trade sanctions imposed after he invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Many of Iraq's 20 million people are going hungry, particularly since the regime cut rations earlier this year, and there is little or no medicine.

But there is growing speculation that Saddam is planning political changes to improve the regime's image abroad, possibly by bringing in technocrats and figures untainted by earlier excesses.

Krzysztof Plominski, the Polish Ambassador whose embassy represents US interests in Baghdad, noted yesterday that diplomats here

expected the referendum "would be followed by ... elections for a new parliament ... also the implementation of a new political party law and probably, by the end of the year, a new constitution."

The 250-member parliament is a rubber-stamp body, which Saddam sometimes calls upon to put its imprimatur on his decisions as a gesture towards what passes for democracy in Iraq, as well as to take the blame if things go wrong.

Saddam has promised political reforms in the past, but they have never materialized and they may remain a mirage. But this time around, he is faced with unprecedented pressures with few options left in his efforts to hold onto power.

It is also possible that Baghdad will also accept a UN offer for limited oil sales to buy desperately needed supplies of food and medicines, after years of rejecting it as a violation of Iraq's sovereignty.

There have been persistent reports that several key figures in the Baghdad hierarchy, mindful of deteriorating conditions in Iraq, now favor acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 986, under which Iraq would be permitted to sell oil worth \$1 billion every three months.

According to diplomatic and oil industry sources, these officials argue that since there is no prospect of the Security Council lifting the crippling embargo for at least another year, Baghdad has little option but to agree to a partial easing of the sanctions.

Baghdad has repeatedly rejected Resolution 968, because at least one-third of the oil sale proceeds will go to Kuwait as war reparations and the sales would be handled by the United Nations.

To reverse that policy would mark a considerable backdown by Baghdad.

But the regime could justify that by saying Saddam cannot bear to see his people's suffering any longer.

And according to UN aid agency warnings, conditions are certain to deteriorate further unless something is done quickly.

Saddam's regime has suffered several blows in recent months amid feuding within the hierarchy.

In August, Saddam was deeply embarrassed by the defection to Jordan of two of his daughters and their husbands.

The main defector, former weapons chief Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid, vowed to topple the Baghdad regime and has won the support of Jordan's King Hussein, Saddam's neighbor and longtime ally.

It was the strongest sign yet that Saddam's regime may be in deep trouble.

When he defected, Al-Majid said Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs, scheduled for destruction under the Gulf War cease-fire, were larger and more advanced than UN inspectors realized.

That forced Iraq to hand over a mass of data long hidden from the UN teams — which proved Al-Majid right.

The chief weapons inspector, Rolf Ekens, told the Security Council last week that Baghdad had repeatedly misled UN monitors — meaning the prospect of the embargo ending has fallen sharply once again. (AP)

Witness: Alleged English serial killer was 'Jekyll and Hyde'

WINCHESTER (Reuters) — A sobbing witness said yesterday that alleged serial killer Rosemary West was a "Jekyll and Hyde" figure who betrayed her trust, posing as a caring soul only to sexually torment her.

The woman known only as Miss A said West, on trial for 10 murders, forced her when she was only 15 into an aggressive sex session with her and her husband Fred.

But defense lawyer Richard Ferguson said Miss A, with a history of suicide bids, hallucinations and psychiatric treatment, fantasized the incident and never even met West.

As she gave evidence, Miss A drew a harrowing picture of a life scarred by sexual abuse by her father and brother. Loneliness as

an unloved teenager and beatings by a violent boyfriend.

She said the distress the Wests caused her that day in 1977 stayed bottled up for 17 years until she broke down to police investigating the discovery last year of nine female bodies at the Wests' home in Gloucester, west England.

"Rose was a big sister-cum-mum; I never had a sister and it was nice to talk to someone," said A, who lived at the time in a children's home she was sent to when her parents split up.

"She said I could come any time, she was always a shoulder to cry on. But afterwards I felt hate towards her. I had trusted someone and they had used me."

On one visit housewife Rose, now 41 and a mother of eight, led her to a bedroom where she was

dumbstruck to see Fred with two naked girls, one scared, an older one comfortable.

Rose tied up the younger girl's hands and feet using brown packing tape, then assaulted her with a vibrator and candle before Fred had sexual intercourse with her.

Afterwards, Rose violently ripped the tape off the weeping girl but then comforted her.

"She (Rose) seemed so different, like a Jekyll and Hyde — one minute she'd have an aggressive voice and the next she'd be all motherly again," Miss A told the silent courtroom in Winchester, southern England.

Fred West was found dead in prison earlier this year and the prosecution, which alleges the couple acted as one to kill 10 girls, at least seven of them for

depraved sexual motives, highlighted evidence showing Rose West playing a leading role.

Rose, 21 at the time, then led Miss A to the bed of brush nylon sheets at her now notorious home, 25 Cromwell Street.

"I wanted to scream, kick, cry. But I just felt numb," Miss A said, eyes closed tight and head bowed away from West's gaze.

She said she was subjected to the same rape and assault, also using brown tape similar to that found beside the dismembered bodies of West's alleged victims.

"Enjoy," Rose West allegedly had whispered as the assault took place.

Afterwards, Miss A snatched her summer dress and ran away barefoot. "I felt so ashamed, sick and stupid," she said.

Killings spark Kenya riots

NAIROBI (Reuters) — Ethnic riots erupted for a second day inside a sprawling slum in the Kenyan capital yesterday and two more people were killed, witnesses said.

"The fighting is in full force, blood flows," one resident said in the teeming Kibera slum.

Fighting between groups of hundreds of Luo and Nubians started when two people were killed.

Riot police swamped Kibera late yesterday sending residents fleeing for safety in their houses or nearby suburbs.

Police patrolled Kibera streets in so-called "buffer zones" to discourage any of the groups attacking others. Police helicopters swooped low over the slum, reinforcing riot police.

Streets were littered with spent cartridges, the work of police who spent yesterday afternoon firing in the air to disperse venge-

ANC, De Klerk trade criticisms

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — A rocky time lies ahead for South Africa's unity government as its squabbling partners seek to assert their independence but keep their marriage of convenience on the rails for the sake of stability.

Political scientist Robert Schrire said local government elections planned for November 1 had exposed a widening gap between the ruling African National Congress and its principal partner in the government, the former ruling National Party.

Over the past couple of weeks, as it became clear that many South Africans regarded the polls as little more than a big yawn, politicians have upped the ante in an attempt to stir the passions of the 22 million people who took part in last year's historic democracy elections.

South Africa's last white head of state F.W. de Klerk, a deputy president in the unity government, has found himself the target of ANC criticism, including allegations he was trying to undermine the government and that his National Party spread false rumors that he had resigned from the government in a bid to show it had clout and could influence financial markets.

De Klerk, who as president freed President Nelson Mandela from jail and set about dismantling apartheid five years ago, accused the ANC of making wild claims against him to shift the focus from its inability to govern.

The former president, whose continued presence in the unity government is viewed as being vital for the new South Africa's image of stability abroad, said the ANC had failed to tackle soaring crime, one of the main issues in the November poll.

"The country is slipping. There are no homes being built as the ANC promised. Strike action, mostly illegal, is disrupting services in the country. Education is threatened by disorder and corruption. The civil service is moving into a crisis," de Klerk told the party faithful at a rally in the Eastern Cape.

Schrire said hardliners in the National Party found it increasingly difficult to reconcile the divergent roles of being in opposition and a key member of the unity government.

Radicals in the ANC blamed the National Party for the perceived failures of the unity government, saying its hands were tied by the former ruling party, which created and nearly 50 years later dismantled apartheid.

"The attack on de Klerk is part of a carefully orchestrated plan by the left wing within the ANC to highlight what they perceive as the failure of the GNU (government of national unity) because of the National Party."

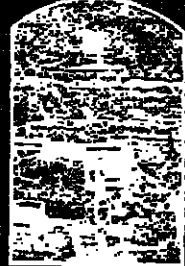
"The bottom line is that the top leadership of the ANC and the National Party adopted a statesman-like approach after the (April, 1994) elections," Schrire said.

"But that has meant both sides have suffered in having to make considerable sacrifices on their mandates."

"The local elections have been a catalyst in bringing out these tensions, but the local elections themselves are a good cause for apathy, the results of which will be blown out of all proportion by party strategists," he said.

ANC minister Pato Jordan said last week the government, which has a five-year term, was working well despite tensions.

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Simpson trial, Farrakhan strain black-Jewish relations

The Simpson trial, and the Million Man March, have stirred passions in the Jewish community, Tom Tugend reports from Los Angeles.

THE Jewish community, like most of the nation and world, had followed the twists and turns of the O.J. Simpson trial for nearly nine months, with varying degrees of fascination. Ironically, though, it wasn't until the final days of arguments and in the week following the jury's "not guilty" verdict that specifically Jewish sensitivities came into play.

Jewish passions were engaged, and continue to be — in Los Angeles and elsewhere, by a number of developments: The overwhelming grief of the family of murder victim Ronald Lyle Goldman, expressed with particular poignancy and anger during Yom Kippur services at their synagogue; the invocation of Hitler and the Holocaust by lead defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. in his final appeal to the jury; the post-trial attack by Jewish defense lawyer Robert Shapiro on Cochran for playing the black vs. white "race card"; and the employment by Cochran of bodyguards from Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

Farrakhan himself further increased the tension between the Jews and blacks on the eve of the Million Man March when he labeled Jews as "bloodsuckers."

Speaking to hundreds of fellow congregants from Temple Beth Haverim at a rented church hall in suburban Westlake, Fred Goldman grieved for the death of his son, Ron.



Lead defense attorney Johnnie Cochran (above) played the race card 'from the bottom of the deck,' according to lawyer, Robert Shapiro, seen conferring with O.J. Simpson.

As for Cochran, he "single-handedly, with his 'Dream Team,' managed to shove a wedge between the races that's larger than we could ever have imagined," said Goldman, who consistently referred to the lawyer as "Mr. the C-word."

Goldman continued, "We, as a nation, have been turned upside down — gone from being concerned about victims, and their families, to being more concerned about defendants and criminals."

Earlier, Jewish defense agencies were outraged when Cochran, in his final summation to a jury which included nine African-Americans, compared former Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman to Hitler, and the detective's taped wish to burn all

blacks to the Holocaust.

The Anti-Defamation League reported that it had been besieged by callers outraged by the "Fuhrman-Fuehrer" analogy, as Marlene Adler Marks of the Los Angeles Jewish Journal put it. "The metaphor trivializes a profound historical tragedy," said the ADL statement.

Also deeply offended was defense lawyer Shapiro, who turned on his colleague Cochran within hours of the verdict.

"To me, the Holocaust stands alone as the most terrible human event in modern civilization," Shapiro said in a television interview with Barbara Walters. "To compare [Hitler] in any way to a rogue cop, in my opinion was wrong."

Shapiro also said that the de-

fense, paced by Cochran, not only played the race card, but "dealt it from the bottom of the deck." Shapiro did not respond to requests for additional comments.

Cochran, in turn, attributed Shapiro's ire to sour grapes at having been replaced as the defense's lead attorney by Cochran.

The other Jewish defense lawyers, Barry Scheck, Peter Neufeld and Alan Dershowitz, did not join in Shapiro's protest. In deference to their religion, and that of Jewish prosecutor Marcia Clark, Judge Lance Ito had recessed the court for Rosh Hashana.

Citing death threats against himself, Cochran surrounded himself with eight bodyguards whenever he left the

courtroom during the last week of the trial. At the office building housing Cochran's law firm, other occupants complained that they had to pass through a phalanx of guards to get to their own offices.

The guards were members of the Nation of Islam, led by minister Louis Farrakhan, which "in past years engaged in crude and vulgar racism and antisemitism," charged Abraham Foxman, the ADL national director. By his choice of such bodyguards, Foxman added, "he [Cochran] legitimizes them and their attitudes."

Once the Holocaust became part of the post-trial debate, emotional tensions rose sharply,

ously. The Fuhrman-Hitler analogy "was outrageous and an insult to the millions of innocent victims of Nazism," Foxman said. "The metaphor trivializes this profound historical tragedy."

By contrast, Karen Grigsby Bates, a black Los Angeles social commentator, told Time magazine that by clinging to the uniqueness of the Holocaust, Jews are saying that "our suffering counts more than yours. And the reaction among black people is, 'Don't you dare. There is such a groundswell of resentment among African-Americans toward that attitude...'"

Rabbi Schulweis objected to the entire concept of relative victimhood. "All such comparisons are invidious and irrelevant," he said.

By almost every measurement of public opinion, the Simpson trial and its outcome have exacerbated and polarized racial attitudes in the US. The depth and duration of the negative impact on black-Jewish relations will be measured in the weeks, and maybe years, to come.

Schulweis called for understanding of the African-American viewpoint. "As Jews, we must ask ourselves how we would deal with a beleaguered black community, and how we would have reacted if Mr. Simpson were Jewish or if a Jonathan Pollard had been the defendant."

Another leading Los Angeles rabbi, Harvey Fields, who is in the forefront of interethnic relations, noted that "the agony that has grown out of the trial shows the depth of racism that still exists in our society."

It is doubtful that the rabbis' empathetic perspectives prevail among most other Jews, at least in the current stage of post-trial debates.

A lecturer who frequently addresses Jewish audiences reported an experience, confirmed by talk shows and random discussions. "Person after person will come up to me," said the lecturer, "and say, 'I consider myself a liberal Democrat, and I've always been a strong advocate of civil rights, but I just can't accept this verdict and how it came about.'"

For females, it's a jungle out there

Sexual harassment is not only natural, it's also common to most species — from the chimpanzee to the humble dung fly.

The female of *Anthophora plumipes*, the species known as the solitary bee, is a victim of sexual harassment to make a human female gasp, says Dr. Graham Stone, an entomologist from Oxford who has written one of two papers on the subject in the magazine *Animal Behavior*.

She may be pounced on by a cruising male every three seconds, sometimes being knocked to the ground by the vigor of unwanted attention.

This means she spends a considerable proportion of her eight weeks of life dealing with philandering, ill-mannered males.

Stone has conducted the most detailed research yet into sexual harassment of a single species in the animal world. He studied the routines of the solitary bee's life down to the split second.

"Among humans, anything you don't like can be called harassment," he argues. "Biologists don't define it that way. You must be able to identify an unequivocal cost of the male activity to the female's fitness."

And in the case of the poor bee, there is a definite cost. Stone found that it took the female twice as long to gather enough nectar to feed her offspring when she was being pestered.

This means the males have a major impact, since the bee's lifespan is wholly dedicated to growing, feeding and building both nest and food supplies for the next generation before her time is up.

In terms of the mating game, it also turned out that the harassment was pointless: when the female wants to mate, she will be accommodating; when she doesn't, she can tuck away her private parts beyond

his reach.

In a second paper, Dr. Geoff Parker of Liverpool University and Dr. Timothy Clutton-Brock of Cambridge catalog an appalling range of male behavior.

They found chimpanzees who chase females, screaming, biting and slapping; sea otters who grab their targets by the snout, pull them under water and sometimes drown them; young elephant seals who attack and kill with clumsy ardor females who stray from the herd; and red deer does mortally wounded in the behind by young, inexperienced bucks.

Then there are young male orangutans who simply rape any female of the species they encounter, and female olive baboons who are attacked on average five times a week and seriously injured once a year by ill-mannered males.

But pity the poor female dung fly: she has been known to drown in her food source — dung — under the weight of attack by uninvited males.

Just as the female office worker has discovered the lawyer, females in nature have learned methods of fighting back, or at least protecting themselves.

Often, the technique is to join the herd, and thus at least benefit from harem-like protection.

Then there is the bonobo pygmy chimpanzee, which forms close female groups marked by genital-to-genital rubbing and which will then chase away and sometimes kill unwanted males.

Other species simply hurry away at the males' approach, while some female sharks have developed thicker skins to protect against the biting teeth of harassers.

And the female spotted hyena has genitals which look much like those of males — she suffers as little harassment as is to be found in nature.

(The Daily Telegraph)

LA County health officials try to ease burden of HIV patients

LOUISE was in her rocking chair when the caller came.

Fighting cervical cancer, the 44-year-old woman had suffered through repeated tests and operations in recent months. She could not bear any more bad news.

But Disease Intervention Specialist worker Doris Simpson was there anyway: Louise had contracted HIV.

That morning, Louise sat on the hardwood floor of her sister's home and cried — about the disease and about how her family, especially her nieces and nephews, would react.

Then Simpson gave the only good word she could offer: No one had to know about her condition. The choice was hers.

"I hugged her and I said, 'Oh, thank you!'" Louise recalls. "Because I know people with this disease. I've seen how no one wanted to go near them, how they didn't want them near their food. Or their children. They don't want you to even breathe around them. They treat you like you've got leprosy, like you're one big germ."

Rather than merely solicit names of past lovers, Simpson met with Louise for three months after breaking the news, helping her through the maze of medical assistance for HIV patients.

Los Angeles County health officials say Louise is benefiting from a more compassionate approach to HIV patients that could eventually become a model for

health departments nationwide.

DIS workers also contend with a social stigma concerning their work, especially in the gay community — which tends to remain suspicious of the public health programs. Gay activists are critical of any government record-keeping of a disease they say is tantamount to a social scarlet letter.

"Look at what infected gay people face," says Mark Senat, planning director for AIDS Project-Los Angeles. "The church and the military reject you. The idea of trusting my name if I'm HIV-positive or the names of people I've been with, it's just not

something the gay culture is inclined to do."

But county health officials say their program is winning friends in the gay community. "DIS workers are becoming like case-workers, finding ways to assist patients in their treatment and evaluation, and at the same time getting them information about making lifestyle changes, using condoms, being safer about sex," says one county AIDS counselor.

Gary Richwald, director of the county's sexually transmitted disease program: "We're being pegged as some sort of medical IRS [Internal Revenue Service]. And that's simply not true."

(Los Angeles Times)

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The Syrian puzzle

THE toll of nine fatalities within three days on the Lebanese front has been a terrible blow, but it does not signify an escalation in Hizbullah activities. Roadside bombs are a standard Hizbullah weapon, and an ambush following the detonation of such bombs is a routine tactic. After the Sunday carnage in which six soldiers were killed, Hizbullah leaders bragged of their ability to overcome Israeli technological advantage. But this was no more than a propagandistic exploitation of Israeli aggression. The high number of casualties is a reflection of misfortune and perhaps even army carelessness. Tactically and technologically there was nothing new in these incidents.

Under the circumstances, the government's reluctance to let the fatalities goad it into special retaliatory action is understandable. A policy change may be justified by significant escalation on the enemy's part; it should not be precipitated by a run of bad luck.

Yet it must be hoped that the shock of the losses will convince the government that the time has come to reassess its strategy in Lebanon. True, since Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levin became OC Northern Command, the army's tactics have been more aggressive. Instead of assuming a purely defensive posture, it initiates search-and-destroy missions. But while such tactics have been successful in inflicting more casualties on the Hizbullah and in keeping it off-guard, it essentially continues the policy of fighting only the tentacles, not the head of the beast.

Even those in the government who in the past preferred to ignore the obvious now recognize that one of the Hizbullah "heads" is the Syrian regime. The Hizbullah may receive inspiration, manpower and equipment from Iran, but it can only operate as an armed force with Syrian approval and active assistance.

Its headquarters and training camps are on Syrian-held territory, the supplies it receives from Iran pass through Damascus airport, and some of its most effective arms - like Sagger missiles - are supplied directly by the Syrian army. There is no better indication of Syria's control of the Hizbullah than that whenever Damascus wants a cease-fire, as during the visit of an American dignitary, it is effected immediately and totally. Nor is it a secret that the US-brokered agreement between Israel and Hizbullah following Operation Accountability was negotiated with the Syrian dictator Hafez Assad, not the leaders of the organization.

But now that the government - specifically through statements by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres - has recognized Syria's role in what

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak calls "the continuing war in Lebanon," it seems unable to draw the necessary conclusions.

Clearly, the Syrian purpose in activating the Hizbullah is to demoralize Israelis and create internal pressures on the government to do whatever is necessary to stop the killing, even if it means an agreement with Syria on Assad's terms. To reinforce this, both Syrian and Hizbullah leaders have hinted that once Israel withdraws to the June 4, 1967 lines and "comprehensive peace" is achieved, the Hizbullah will stop its activities against Israel. (This is a new tactic, intended to provide the 'carrot' in contrast with the 'stick' of bloodshed in Lebanon. Until recently, Hizbullah leaders vowed that the war against Israel would continue until "all of Palestine is liberated.")

This Syrian strategy has placed Damascus in a no-loss position. Israel is so committed to pursuing the "peace process" that it would never dream of suspending the talks, or even insisting on discussing nothing substantive until there is a cease-fire in Lebanon. Nor will Israel consider warning Syria that it cannot cause the spilling of Israeli blood with impunity. Syria knows it can fight Israel to the last Hizbullah gunman without risking the life of a single Syrian soldier.

Even more incomprehensible is that instead of encouraging Western political and diplomatic retaliation against Syria, Israel is doing the exact opposite. The government's thinking is dominated by the notion that Syria will reciprocate for Israeli-endorsed international approval, commercial rewards and financial aid by signing a peace treaty. Instead of demanding sanctions against Syria, it pleads with every American and European statesman traveling to Damascus to convey Israel's eagerness to make far-reaching concessions.

It is at least partly due to Israel's policies that Assad can escape the world's wrath. He is, after all, not very different from the outcast Saddam Hussein. He has invaded neighboring Lebanon and, after signing an international agreement to leave, virtually annexed the country. He is one of the world's leading dealers in drugs and most active sponsor of terrorists - including terrorists who operate against Turkey. And, unlike Saddam, he has no appreciable oil reserves which would tend to make Western governments overlook his crimes.

That on top of all this, he can have Israeli soldiers killed by his proxies and still enjoy tacit Israeli support for his international respectability is one of the great puzzles of our time.



Best guarantee of peace

OUR political leaders, as well as our military commanders, make frequent use of the economic weapon.

After a terrorist attack, the first measure is generally closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Preventing Palestinian workers from crossing the Green Line is a punishment for the perpetration of acts of terrorism, but it is also meant to deliver a message to the general population and make terrorists unpopular by linking their acts to forced unemployment and misery.

Unfortunately, the same authorities who have long been using forced unemployment as a weapon haven't yet realized that the logical corollary to this would be creating jobs. This would defuse a lot of antagonism on the Palestinian side, and terrorism would become much more unpopular. There exists no better partner to combat terrorism than the local population itself, which, properly stimulated, would certainly cooperate very vigorously to preserve their jobs.

How can this be achieved? For 28 years, since the end of the Six Day War, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been linked to the economy of Israel. Not much has been done to advance the economic status of these territories. Some help has been given in the areas of agriculture, health and education, but no serious program of industrialization was ever contemplated.

The fact that next to Israel's growing, technologically advanced economy lies this vast reservoir of inexpensive labor was never put to good use. At the peak, about 150,000 workers from the West Bank and Gaza came over daily to Israel to work, mainly as day laborers, in building, agriculture and services.

During the same period of time, and under a similar economic setup, places like Hong Kong and Singapore advanced enormously to become economic superpowers, thanks to the judicious use of vast masses of low-cost labor.

THE greatest guarantee of a

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peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians isn't a heavily guarded frontier, but an industrial belt made up of work-intensive factories set up just next to the Israeli side of the border.

Workers coming from the other side would thus not have to go into Israel territory, and many security problems would be avoided.

Only 50,000 Palestinians employed in such an industrial belt

There are good reasons to turn the Green Line into an industrialized border instead of a heavily policed one

would mean 50,000 Arab families with a vested interest in keeping things quiet. Attempted acts of terrorism would be condemned and prevented by the population, and peaceful coexistence would be easier to achieve.

Apart from the obvious political benefits, there are many economic reasons for converting the Green Line not into a heavily policed frontier, but into an industrialized border. Good communications and transport facilities are already available, and these will be considerably incremented by the trans-Israel highway now being built, which mostly runs close to the border. In most places the distance to the nearest port, Haifa or Ashdod, is less than an hour by truck.

There are many political advantages in starting such an initiative now. The mere presentation of such a plan would constitute an additional card in the hands of Israel's negotiators, while the prospect of a large number of jobs on the doorstep of the autonomy should be greatly welcomed by the Palestinian negotiators.

With elections to the Palestinian council due to take place soon, the

unemployment situation will be a main issue. So far, the largest employer in Gaza is the autonomy itself. Thousands of policemen, security and administration people work for it.

But there is a limit to the jobs which can be created in the public sphere, and this limit has probably already been exceeded. A new approach, whereby tens of thousands of Palestinians would have jobs not far from their homes would be extremely attractive. Implemented soon, such a prospect would increase the popularity of Arafat's regime, strengthening the peace process.

The industrial belt would attract investors from all over the world, who would enjoy the economic and political stability and technological skills of the Israeli side, plus the possibility of exporting goods to other countries in the Middle East, to European and other markets. All Israel's large cities - Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Beer-Sheva - are a few minutes' travel from the border. Industries created there would also directly provide a considerable number of jobs for Israelis. There would be further jobs in energy supply, transportation, communications and many other services.

Creating such a chain of industries would require considerable funding. For labor-intensive industries, where investment in equipment is minimal, about \$20,000-\$30,000 per work place is considered reasonable. The creation of 50,000 jobs would thus mean a total investment of one to one-and-a-half billion dollars. Part would be private and part public.

Owing to the special political situation of the area, private investments would probably need a government guarantee, similar to the one given the export trade.

Ultimately, a border between Israel and the Palestinian Authority that is marked by an industrial area employing tens of thousands of people will be the best guarantee of a lasting peace.

The writer is a chemical engineer.

Paranoia to power

ABRAHAM COOPER
HAROLD BRACKMAN

THERE he goes again. On the television talk show circuit promoting yesterday's "March of One Million Black Men" on Washington, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan again descended into his own historical twilight zone of hateful defamations.

On previous mind-boggling excursions, he has called Hitler a "great man," and labeled Judaism "a gutter religion," said AIDS was invented by Jewish doctors to infect black children, accused Jews of "sucking the blood of the black community," and cast prominent Jewish organizations as "watch-dogs of the secret government... hell-bent on ruling the world and hell-bent on the destruction of America."

All the paranoid threads of the Nation of Islam's historical revisionism come together in the anonymously authored *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews*. The book, an underground bestseller on college campuses and in the African American community, claims that Jews "dominated" the Atlantic slave trade. According to Farrakhan, the tiny Jewish community of America's pre-Civil War South - comprising two-tenths of 1 percent of the 1860 population - actually owned 75 percent of enslaved African Americans.

Just last Sunday on American national television, Farrakhan refused to back away from his assertion that, during the Holocaust, "little Jews died, while big Jews made money in World War II. Little Jews were being turned to soap, while big Jews washed themselves in it."

This wholesale revisionism of history is clearly designed to obscure the true legacy of close black-Jewish collaboration in America's civil rights Movement.

GIVEN HIS long record of intolerance, why would Maya Angelou, a Nobel Prize winner, as well as prominent clergy and leading politicians line up behind Farrakhan? Because racial polarization breeds paranoia, and Farrakhan, who repackages white extremist visions of "the new world order" for African American consumption, knows how to translate racial paranoia into power.

According to a 1994 poll, 60 to 70 percent of African Americans consider Farrakhan "an effective leader" who "speaks the truth" and "is good for the black community." In a 1995 poll of black newspaper readers, he topped Jesse Jackson as the "most effective African American leader."

White Americans, particularly those who strongly identify with the historic struggle for equal opportunity, may be worried or appalled, but Farrakhan's ability to demand attention and evoke fear on the other side of the racial divide impresses many African Americans, whether or not they have faith in his much-hyped self-help programs.

Candor also requires admitting that many support him because of, not despite, his extreme views. Thirty percent of African Americans suspect that the AIDS virus is a plot against their community; twice that many believe the government may be deliberately encouraging drug use among blacks. Given the current political climate, few black leaders are offering positive solutions that would challenge the scapegoating and excuses that are the tap root of Farrakhan's appeal.

Certainly, all men and women of whatever rainbow hue should take responsibility for strengthening families and communities - the ostensible purpose of this "black men only" march. But leadership matters, and leadership built on a foundation of libelous cop-outs that seek to victimize the victims is no substitute for what Americans need to bring them together.

Almost a third of a century ago, Martin Luther King Jr. led his march to "part the waters" of racism. Today's routing of those still-troubled waters by Farrakhan leaves millions of Americans to wonder and worry: Toward what kind of "promised land" is Farrakhan's march leading black America?

Rabbi Cooper is associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Dr. Brackman, a Wiesenthal Center consultant, is author of *Ministry of Lies: The Truth Behind the Nation of Islam's 'The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews'*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YEARNING FOR PEACE

Sir, - Differences of opinion within Israel as to the wisdom of the peace process are certainly legitimate, with one school of thought opposing it on the grounds that the PLO is not truly interested in living in peace with us but merely wishes to gain all it can from us by peaceful means as a first step towards the achievement of its avowed goal of destroying Israel in stages, whilst others feel that the risk must be taken in the hope that the gamble will pay off and some sort of peace be achieved.

What is totally unacceptable, however, is the wicked lie which is repeatedly uttered by government spokesmen, especially the prime minister, with a view to inciting the nation against opponents of their peace process, to the effect that it is peace itself, and not the peace process and the way it is being conducted, to which the right objects, because of its expansionist dreams of a Greater Israel. This being so, it is argued, the Israeli right and Hamas can be linked together in that all are rejectionists of peace.

Naturally, the international media, which is never loath to lash out

at Israel, have seized upon the story that "the Israeli right and Hamas are anti-peace," but what is more distressing still is that friends of Israel, like Londoner Stanley Medicks (Letters, September 12), also lump together Sharon, Weiss, etc. and the Hamas terrorists as being people who are trying to undermine peace and for whom "coexistence is a dirty word." No doubt such supporters of Israel have been influenced by government propaganda, but it is hard to understand how a thinking person who does not, unlike the government, have an axe to grind, can fail to understand that it is fear for Israel's security in the wake of the numerous concessions being made to the PLO which motivates the right in its opposition to the peace process.

All Israelis long for peace and when the government claims otherwise it is guilty of blatantly (and knowingly) distorting the truth to further its own ends. Such cynicism plays straight into the hands of Israel bashers the world over.

RHONA YEMINI
Givatayim.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Sir, - In your editorial of September 15, you correctly perceive the enormous threat to our country posed by the current widespread, and evidently government-instigated, plague of police brutality against right-wing protesters and even suspected would-be protesters. But you continue to say that it is unlikely that "self-styled human rights organizations will seek a remedy for brutality against people whose politics they despise."

As a politically left-leaning, long-standing member of Amnesty International, I will do my utmost to combat the use of unjustified force against anyone, my political foes and allies alike; I believe the majority of those actively involved in human rights groups would stand beside me, too. It was with no surprise that I read in the 1995 Amnesty International Report not only of the

administrative detention in 1994 of hundreds of Palestinians, but also of nine members of Kach. There was certainly no political lobby for Amnesty to include this. It is simply that Amnesty opposes administrative detention and other unjust punitive measures across the board, period.

Rabin and Shalev should realize that the current tactics used to prevent and disperse demonstrations of the right will alienate centrist voters and thereby jeopardize continuation of the peace process. Because of the ridiculously slow pace of road construction in this country, I already spend hours each week in traffic jams. The few more minutes I would have to wait for demonstrations to be peacefully dispersed in a small price to pay for the preservation of democracy.

JEREMY D. SCHIFF
Rehovot.

CLOSURE'S EFFECTIVENESS

Sir, - I am writing this letter on a day when closure as been imposed. From my window overlooking Wadi Hailam near Jerusalem, I have watched for years Arabs coming over the hill to work in Israel in defiance of the closure order. Whenever I call the police, I am made to feel like a bother, or there is a half-hearted attempt to do something.

Recently, after my call to the police, some Arabs were turned back. They sat under a shady tree for a while and then I presume went back to their work site. It is apparent that they have a work destination, that Israel hires them to work during a closure and that the police overlook it. The Arabs have learned at every level that rules in Israel are not to be taken seriously: students learn this in school, and the Israeli contractors who hire the Arab workers know they are free to defy the law.

Only one group in Israel feels the clout of the police - those citizens who assemble to express their opposition to the government policies, a normal and expected right in all Western democracies.

H. BENAMI
Mevaseret Zion.

PEOPLE OF HONOR

Sir, - With his usual supremechutzpa and double-think, Prime Minister Rabin has condemned Labor MKs Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman for "betraying" their party in voting against the Oslo 2 suicide covenant. When the final books are written in Heaven (and even in those written by future historians), these men will receive their due honor for putting their true principles, and Jewish survival, ahead of totalitarian-style "party loyalty."

If Messrs. Zissman and Kahalani have "read themselves out of Labor," they need not worry. If they have lost their place with the Labor lemmings, they have found it with people of honor.

SHAUL CEDER
Jerusalem.

The stringent test of time

YOSEF LAPID

IN the week that my grandson Lior was initiated into the Covenant of Abraham, Abraham's descendants left the land of Israel. The Cave of Machpela is still in our hands, but the Zionist experiment in Jewish history is over.

I would give a bottle of Lafite Rothschild to know what Lior will think in 50 years' time about what happened to his homeland in the days when he still believed the world was a nipple overflowing with milk.

History is like a train: Every so often it comes to a junction, and we only know what happened on the tracks it followed. We don't know what would have happened had it taken a different route.

With hindsight, we can all be wise; the difficulty is being wise in advance.

There are pathetic moments in statesmen's lives which take on heroic dimensions over the course of time - the moment in 1898, for instance, when Theodor Herzl, a Jewish activist of no power or influence, wrote in his diary that on that day he had founded the Jewish state, which would arise within 50 years at most. Then there are moments of huge impact, which, in time, come to seem ridiculous, such as when Chamberlain returned from Munich to London and declared

that he had preserved world peace.

SO WHAT will Lior say when another generation has gone by, when he leafs through old, yellowing newspapers and comes upon the announcement of the signing of the Oslo agreement with the Palestinians in Washington? Will he look playfully at the photos of leaders who didn't know what they were signing? Will he be angry with them? Respect them? Admire them?

What, if anything, will Rabin's photo mean to him? How on earth, he may ask himself, could Yossi Sarid smile like a mouse that swallowed a cat? Could he be sure that his approach wouldn't lead to a disaster? And how could Bibi Netanyahu go on attacking the agreement again and again, like a drugged parrot? How could he be sure that his aspirations wouldn't be a recipe for doom and destruction?

Didn't the garbage truck wake them in a cold sweat at five in the morning? (Tenayson: "There lives more faith in honest doubt/ Believe me, than in half the creeds.")

A thousand factors shape the

future at this moment. Some are familiar to all of us, and there are some no one takes into account, or even notices, like the butterfly that started a hurricane with a flap of its wings. All over the world, caterpillars still ensconced in their cocoons are forming the world in which Lior will live in 50 years' time.

As the Americans say, the show isn't over until the fat lady sings.

But who is the fat lady? And when and what will she sing? Lior lies in his cradle, his future shrouded in mist. What does it hold? Only Yossi Sarid and Bibi Netanyahu know, and Rabin who signed, of course, and Peres who guided his hand.

Find an old newspaper and look through it. See how insignificant the great statesmen of the past seem; how foolish the important thinkers, how insane the articles by respected journalists.

Before deciding that we understand the import of the agreement that has been signed, we ought to remember that we are just tomorrow's yellowing newspapers.

The author is an editorial writer for Ma'ariv.

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Family Values

Marching to the Beat of a Million Drummers

By DON TERRY

THE bandwagon for Louis Farrakhan's Million Man March in Washington tomorrow is packed with a cross section of black America, from the militant to the mild.

But where it is going and how far it will follow Mr. Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, is much less clear and is the subject of intense debate in black barber shops, beauty parlors, corporate hallways and college campuses across the country. The rally in the capital is draped in the banners of responsibility, patriarchy, God and black nationalism, leaving some to wonder whether the crowded wagon is headed for the political right. Or is it destined for a more familiar path of protest and stubborn faith in government? Will it hook its fate to the Republicans next year when the nation holds the last Presidential election of the 20th century? Or will it follow a black general to the White House?

Or perhaps its wheels will fall off after tomorrow because too many people are trying to steer.

Some black political figures have endorsed the march while distancing themselves from Mr. Farrakhan, who is the keynote speaker. Dismissing their efforts,

the Rev. Benjamin F. Davis Jr., the national director of the march, said, "The message and the message have transcended all divisions in the black community."

No one knows how many men will actually answer Mr. Farrakhan's call and show up tomorrow. The head of the 8.2-million member National Baptist Convention has told his followers not to attend, and so has W. Deen Mohammed, the leader of the largest group of black Muslims in the country. The National Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have declined participation. Gen. Colin L. Powell sent his regrets, citing his book tour.

But at least 10,000 Chicagoans plan to attend. Supporters in Washington include

Now is the time to act. But what is the way to go?

Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jesse Jackson and the Congressional Black Caucus but not Representative Gary A. Franks of Connecticut, a Republican and a harsh critic of Mr. Farrakhan. The Hartford City Council has designated tomorrow a holy day, enabling employees to take unpaid leave or use their vacation time. Schools in Camden, N.J., will close because so many employees are going. New York City organizers expect to fill 1,600 buses.

Mr. Farrakhan has told black women not to come. This march, he says, is the business of men. But as a concession, he has invited Maya Angelou, the poet, and Rosa Parks, the civil rights heroine, to speak.

Almost everyone, however, agrees that

black people can no longer sit still. It is time to do something, almost anything.

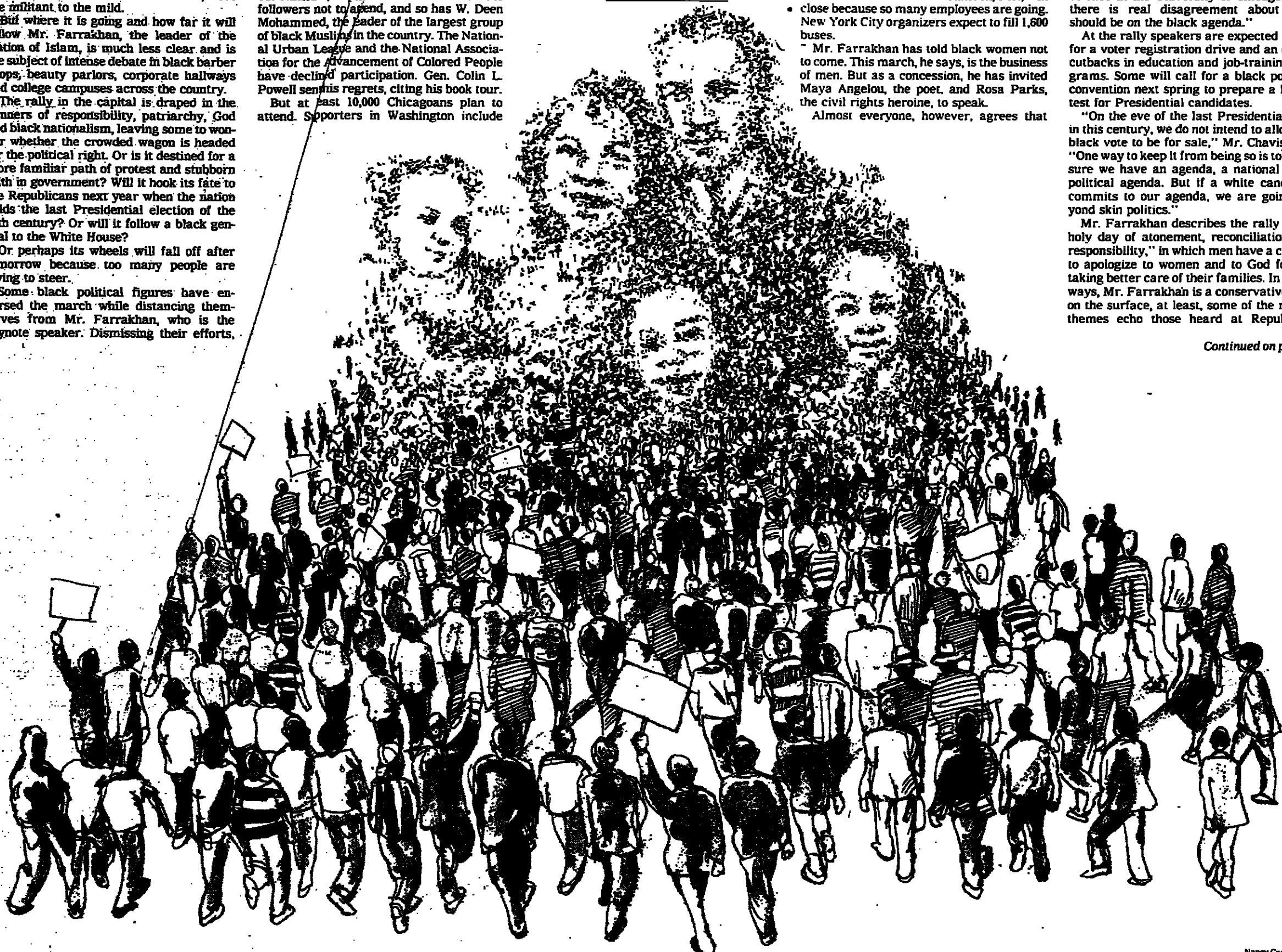
"In the black community, there is a unified unhappiness with the state of racial progress and a wide level of unity about seeing something done," said Michael C. Dawson, an associate professor of political science at the University of Chicago. "But there is real disagreement about what should be on the black agenda."

At the rally speakers are expected to call for a voter registration drive and an end to cutbacks in education and job-training programs. Some will call for a black political convention next spring to prepare a litmus test for Presidential candidates.

"On the eve of the last Presidential race in this century, we do not intend to allow the black vote to be for sale," Mr. Chavis said. "One way to keep it from being so is to make sure we have an agenda, a national black political agenda. But if a white candidate commits to our agenda, we are going beyond skin politics."

Mr. Farrakhan describes the rally as "a holy day of atonement, reconciliation and responsibility," in which men have a chance to apologize to women and to God for not taking better care of their families. In many ways, Mr. Farrakhan is a conservative, and on the surface, at least, some of the rally's themes echo those heard at Republican

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Nancy Carpenter

Next: A Tense Transition

The Suspense Isn't Over in Haiti

By LARRY ROHTER

UNDER the protection of 20,000 American troops, Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to Haiti in triumph a year ago today. Much has changed in this country since then, including the Clinton Administration's level of commitment to the beneficiary of its first successful foreign policy gamble. But one central fact remains constant: even with his term of office rapidly drawing to a close, Mr. Aristide's authority shows no sign of ebbing.

Soon, however, Mr. Aristide's countrymen will discover whether one man's magnetism and charisma are sufficient to sustain an entire nation. And that promises to make for a tense next four months.

In that time, Haiti is scheduled first to elect and then to swear in a successor to Mr. Aristide, who is prohibited by the Haitian Constitution from serving two consecutive terms. And barely two weeks after the Feb. 7 inauguration date of the new president, the United Nations is scheduled to withdraw the 6,900 foreign soldiers and policemen who have been the guarantors of the country's security.

Once they are removed, Haiti will again be left to defend itself.

Haiti's DeGaulle

The uncertainty that situation has engendered has little to do with Mr. Aristide himself, since most Haitians assume he will be running the country for the next five years, regardless of who is sitting in the National Palace. As Lionel Delatour, a

leader of a reformist business group here, puts it, "Aristide is now for Haiti what Charles de Gaulle was for the Fifth Republic in France, or what Perón was for Argentina"—that is, a force so dominant that it scarcely matters whether he is on the throne or merely behind it.

America's Contribution

Rather, it is the prospect of relying on an untested and hastily trained national police force of some 5,000 members that is particularly unnerving to Haitians, many of whom continue to hope the United Nations will have a change of heart and extend its mandate here. In contrast to operations in places like Bosnia and Somalia, the peacekeeping force here has encountered no major setbacks, but that does not mean United Nations officials are willing to stay. Instead, they appear eager not to push their luck.

The United States has also contributed to the uneasiness that now prevails here. In order to avoid difficulties with Congressional Republicans who despise Mr. Aristide, the Clinton Administration has pressed the Haitian President to fulfill his promise to leave office, rather than seek re-election at the three years of his term that he got as a result of the military coup that overthrew him on Sept. 30, 1991. But Senator Jesse Helms is now seeking to hold up disbursement of \$1.3 million in American aid intended to conduct the very election that will show Mr. Aristide to the door.

"The issue now comes down not to Haiti and its internal politics, but election-year politics in the United States," one adviser to Mr. Aristide said about the hostile Republicans



President Aristide, at a celebration in Port-au-Prince last February.

and their behavior. "It seems to me counterproductive to what their claims are."

After refusing for months to state unequivocally that he will step down, Mr. Aristide finally made a pledge in language satisfactory to Washington; if he had not, Vice President Al Gore would not be coming today to take part in the anniversary celebrations. But the President has also said he will respect the will of the new Parliament, dominated by legislators eager to do his bidding, that is to be seated today. They are already being urged by graffiti in the streets to follow this course: "No negotiations: Three more years for Aristide."

An Important Ally

The dangers of trying to get anything done without Mr. Aristide as an ally were illustrated last week when Prime Minister Smark Michel, frustrated by his inability to push through an economic reform package that the President has quietly undermined, decided he could no longer function and submitted his resignation.

The next prime minister, it is safe to assume, will be much less likely to aggressively pursue policies regarded as excessively friendly to foreign interests, such as cooperation with the International Monetary Fund and the privatization of state enterprises.

If there was a way to do it, the United States and the other members of the United Nations coalition that engineered Mr. Aristide's return to office last Oct. 15 would probably prefer to see him remain in

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How Bill Gates Is Imitating Art

By EDWARD ROTHSTEIN

ABOUT 60 years ago, the German philosopher Walter Benjamin argued that the experience of art was being irrevocably transformed by the technology of reproduction. Little did he know.

Last week, William H. Gates, the chairman of the Microsoft Corporation, purchased the Bettmann Archive for an undisclosed sum. He hopes to translate the collection of 17 million photographs and images into digital form and clone them into software for home computers.

This is reproduction to the second power: mass reproduction of objects that are already reproductions. The Bettmann's photographic images — John F. Kennedy Jr. saluting the passing casket of his father, napalmed Vietnamese children screaming down a road, a tank burning during the short-lived Prague spring, John D. Rockefeller demonstratively giving a dime to a poor black child with a frayed hat — will join Mr. Gates's digitized art works from the National Gallery in London, the Philadelphia Museum of

Millions of photographs will be available to home-computer users. Will some of their value be lost in translation?

Art and the once reverentially guarded collection of the Barnes Foundation.

All this will become grist for a massive digital mill, a database that will be open to everyone, for a fee. The art works, of course, have the most difficult adjustment to make as cyberspace images. They were made to be unique, and so far, they remain so. The technology does not yet exist — and may never exist — that can precisely reproduce colors, brush strokes, contrasts and painterly gestures. That would allow almost undetectable forgery.

The Bettmann Archive, on the other hand, may be perfectly at home. The archive began as the personal collection of Otto L. Bettmann, who fled Nazi Germany in 1935 with two trunks full of images on 35-millimeter film; it was a collection made for reproduction. Unlike a scholarly or museum archive, the Bettmann's entire reason for being has been to provide material for newspapers, book publishers, and magazines; they would search the files in New York or have photographs sent, and pay to publish a picture of Bonnie and Clyde or Teddy Roosevelt.

Born to Be Copied

A digitized version of the archive would actually turn out to be useful. Many publications would be able to download the images directly into their own computers. The catalogue may become more sophisticated. The value of this collection is partly in the order imposed upon it.

Where does one file a photo of Miss Rose la Rose doing leg cycling while lying on a bed? What about a picture of an anonymous man furiously thrusting his fist at the camera? At the Bettmann, many such images are searchable only on yellowing index cards, some using quaint filing categories like "humans." A computerized archive could be much more easily explored.

Some technological problems would have to be addressed, of course. Each digital reproduction will be an exact copy of the digital original. Will Mr. Gates need to build in a copy protection scheme like the one used by digital audio tape recorders, so electronic copies are controlled? Can the digitization closely match the quality of film? If anyone can solve these problems though, Mr. Gates will, particularly given the incentive: each digitized image will effectively create a new copyright for public domain material.

But Mr. Gates also plans on changing the very



Coming to your home screen: digitized pictures of pictures. Above, a super-pixelated version of a photographic self-portrait of a photographer, Darius Kinsey, from the early 1900's.

character of the archive. "The future is the use of digital images by millions of consumers instead of tens of thousands of businesses," said Doug Rowan, the president of Mr. Gates's imaging company, the Corbis Corporation. The archive will earn its keep as a source not for publications but for desktop computers.

This is being hailed as a democratization, making history more accessible to the public. And here is where the doubts creep in. First, will the public really use the archive? A very small segment is now available through Compuserve, an on-line service; numerical counters show how often each image has been viewed. After a year, most have not been called up more than a few hundred times, and the most popular images seem to be of Raquel Welch in black lace lingerie and a topless revue in Tokyo. It is difficult to imagine much greater demand for these 17 million images; what need does any consumer have of a picture of a 1940's grocery store?

But let us imagine that the American computer consumer gets into the habit of downloading pictures of, say, Senator Joseph McCarthy consulting with a boyish Roy Cohn, or Mata Hari in a belly dancing costume. That is when the real problems begin. Because with proliferation, the very power of the images will change.

Downloading Too Much

Benjamin argued that while a work of art used to have an almost cultic value and seemed embedded "in the fabric of tradition," the technology of reproduction robbed it of aura, creating a different relationship with the onlooker.

Something like that may even happen here. The images, partly because of their restricted

use, retain a kind of iconic quality: those pictures of napalmed children or the Kennedy coffin are familiar enough to be symbols of recent American history, but not so common as to be meaningless. That is why the concept of an archive, storing precious objects, is important. Will all sense of occasion be eliminated if these images are sold in packs like collections of clip art or computer type fonts?

The Bettmann Archive, at least in its early decades, was partly an expression of one man's interests and tastes. Dr. Bettmann is the son of an orthopedic surgeon and much of his collection shows historical medical and surgical techniques (some visible on Compuserve). The purchase of 11 million photographs from United Press International in 1990 definitively changed the character of the Bettmann. Mr. Gates's acquisition will finish the job of homogenization. He is interested in quantity rather than depth, thinking of photographs for "consumers." He is one of them. In his mansion now being built outside Seattle, he is installing giant state-of-the-art screens on which state-of-the-art digital images of great paintings will be shown.

For all of Mr. Gates's genius, this is not the approach of an enlightened Medici who comprehends the power of art and then becomes a patron and advocate. This is the approach of a monitor gazer. Even the archives' images may suffer with this sensibility, becoming like the Mona Lisa or Beethoven's Fifth Symphony: objects so clichéd and commonplace, and so subject to manipulation and caricature, that they almost seem lost to our past and future. In that case, important journalistic photographs, like so much else, will gradually fade into the teeming world of cyber-detritus.

Marching in Washington

A Million Drummers

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gatherings: God, loyalty, family, discipline.

"I have often made the point," said Salim Muwakkil, an editor at In These Times who is a former member of the Nation of Islam, "if it were not for his expressions of anti-Semitism, Minister Farrakhan would be the candidate of the New Gingriches, because he is basically talking their talk. It's the same message that the church is trying to sell, but the young aren't listening to the church. They are listening to Farrakhan." Though a critic of the Nation of Islam, Mr. Muwakkil says he plans to attend the rally.

Just as some of the marchers tomorrow will embrace the message but shun the messenger, blacks who approve of the family-values themes often denounce House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the tone of his "Contract With America." Blacks make the case that their values have been as solid and traditional as those elsewhere in America.

"This whole notion that the right has a patent on family values is absolute nonsense," said Connie Tucker, director of the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice, an Atlanta-based group involved in environmental issues in Southern black communities. "We believe a lot of our families have been destroyed by racism, and now we have to build them back up. What the far right is saying now has been discussed in our community for years, and it has nothing to do with conservative politics."

Dennis M. Walcott, president of the New York Urban League, agreed. "I don't think the march represents a rightward shift," he said. "What it

represents is the true beliefs of blacks for years: self-determination, strengthening families. Minister Farrakhan is not saying anything new, and this march does not represent anything new."

But Mr. Farrakhan has added another reason for the decline of the black family: the black man. His call for black men to atone is one of the most controversial elements of the march. For some supporters and opponents of the march, it sounds a lot like blaming the victim.

"I don't support this march for a variety of reasons," said Roger Wilkins, a professor of history at George Mason University. "The first thing is, I don't think black men have to atone to

The call for atonement strikes the wrong chord with many people.

the nation at large. What black men need is not atonement, they need jobs. You need jobs to make strong families."

But Conrad Muhammad, minister of the Nation of Islam's Mosque No. 7 in Harlem, said, "We never blame the victim." He added: "White America has to accept culpability for the condition of black people. But we have reached a point where as black people we don't have another moment to waste waiting for government."

Ron Walters, a professor of political science at Howard University and a march supporter, said

the notion of a collective atonement has caused much discomfort. "But the main thing is people want to make a statement about the condition of the black male," he said. "The black male is the most vilified symbol of our society."

Ms. Tucker, who supports the march, voiced reservations about its philosophy of patriarchy. "My concern is that there be no implication that somehow black men are more oppressed than black women," she said. "While black men are undergoing a character assassination from external forces, black women are undergoing an assassination internally. Just listen to gangster rap."

No matter what the turnout tomorrow, Mr. Farrakhan should be smiling like a lottery winner. He has collected a jackpot of publicity, the coin of politicians as well as tabloid celebrities and demagogues.

"If the march is successful," Mr. Wilkins said, "it seems to me a lot of people who are not in the Nation of Islam and who are not nationalists will view him as somebody who has provided the black community a great service."

"I think that's bad," he said. "His attacks on Jews, whether direct or indirect, are vile. They distort our history and our struggle and who we have been as a people."

Others argue that tomorrow's rally has already grown beyond the reach of one man. "This is not about Minister Farrakhan," Mr. Walters said. "He issued the call and started this, but it has taken on a life of its own. This could be a watershed march. It could mark the renewal of grassroots political organizing. This march belongs to the people, and they've taken it over."

Camping Up The Classics

By CARYN JAMES

At various times in the new movie "The Scarlet Letter," Demi Moore brings to mind a flower child, a Playboy model and her own notorious Vanity Fair cover. As Hester Prynne, the ultimate scarlet woman, she prances through the woods with flowers in her hair, bathes while the camera caresses her body, and puts a hand on her nude pregnant tummy.

The film remains a few things from Hawthorne's novel: Hester Prynne, single mother Arthur Dimmesdale, her minister-husband, Roger Chillingworth, her vegetal husband. The book ends with satisfying panache when the minister drops dead of a guilt-ridden heart. On screen Hester and Arthur hitch up a horse cart and move to Virginia. But an upbeat ending is the least of the movie's slap-happy changes.

Literal-Mindedness

"The Scarlet Letter" is simply the latest and wackiest of recent batch of films, mini-series and novels that alter the classics in a literal-minded way. They dramatize the original author's every innuendo and fustily plug every hole in the plot — even when those holes create brilliant aura of mystery.

Instead of luring viewers into the culture of the past, these works add a modern sensibility, for easy access. So on screen "The Scarlet Letter" tosses in plenty of sex and violence, including a tryst in a barn amid an Indian attack, as if Hawthorne had left out all the good parts. And the recent PBS version of Edith Wharton's "Buccaneers" (itself adapted from an unfinished novel "completed" by Marion Mainwaring two years ago) shows two men in bed. Wouldn't Wharton have written that way if she had lived in a more permissive era? But it hardly matters when readers and viewers have an insatiable need for mysteries to be solved, ambiguities cleared up, old-fashioned notions updated.

Hester Prynne alone gets two prequels. For a whole hour, the new "Scarlet Letter" portrays her life

bumped into characters from "Jane Eyre." In Emma Tennant's "Pemberley or, Pride and Prejudice Continued" (St. Martin's Press, 1993), Elizabeth finds that marriage to Mr. Darcy is rocky. And these are only some of the nipping prequels and sequels that have turned up in the last few years.

They exist for the obvious reasons: love and money. Some aficionados cannot resist new versions of their beloved characters, no matter how silly the result. "Scarlett," the book (Warner Books, 1991) and the miniseries, solved Margaret Mitchell's great love riddle — "Oh, Rhett, if you leave, what'll I do?" — by sending Scarlett to Ireland. Money rolled in, even though fans of "Gone with the Wind," the book and the movie, had been inventing better solutions on their own for decades. And a sequel to that sequel is due in 1997, written not by Margaret Mitchell or Alexandra Ripley but by the busy Emma Tennant.

Though prequels and sequels may satisfy benign curiosity, they also

So Rhett left, and then Scarlett went to Ireland.

hint at a troubling cultural condition: distrust of one's own imagination. And with serious literature, sequels and explanations suggest a profound misunderstanding of art.

Yet there is so much money to be made that some artists have even mangled their own works. After Jane Campion's exquisite 1993 film "The Piano" came out, so did a novelization concocted by Ms. Campion and written by Kate Pullinger. There we learn what Ms. Campion never reveals in the film she wrote and directed: why Holly Hunter's character, Ada, has refused to talk. The answer? It's not a bad or unkind reason. It's rather witty. Ada puts sugar onto the dinner table and starts to play with it. Her father wants her to stop, then yells, "You, child, will go to your room and not speak the rest of the day." Little did he know she would overreact.

Still, why could Jane Campion have done such a thing? Surely she knows that the mystery of Ada's silence is part of the film's enigmatic beauty. So of all people, must understand the rule that makes art inexhaustible: we're not supposed to know everything.

Ms. Campion, noted in Entertainment Weekly, explained why she agreed to the novel. "I got quite greedy," she said. "I hadn't received any income yet from the film."

Of course, sometimes great violence must be done to transform a classic. Amy Heckerling's "Clueless" wittily changes the heroine of Austen's "Emma" to a trend-conscious teen-ager in Beverly Hills. It makes more sense that filling in Hester Prynne's date book with: "Sunday afternoon, Arthur. Barn."



Gary Oldman and Demi Moore give "The Scarlet Letter" an R-rating.

The Nation



Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani leading the Pakistani Independence Parade in August.



Mayor Richard J. Riordan at rededication of Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum last year.

A Tale of Two Republican Mayors

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

THEY vaulted into office as outsiders spouting reform slogans and pledging to upset the liberal apple cart that has been big-city politics for most of this century. The very thought, at the time, seemed downright revolutionary: the Mayors of the nation's two largest cities, overwhelmingly Democratic cities to boot, were Republicans.

Mayor Richard J. Riordan of Los Angeles and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York, taking office in July 1993 and January 1994, set out to prove that their blend of law and order, fiscal conservatism and moderation on social issues was just what their cities wanted. And for a time, the Mayors became poster boys for a party eager to sell itself in the nation's cities as well as the suburbs.

So far, it hasn't quite worked out that way.

Each has pursued his campaign agenda, but with different results and by starkly different means. Their political styles reflect not only their distinct personas but the personality of their cities, which, in Mr. Giuliani's case, may, at times, have worked to his advantage.

With the bombast and, critics say, sneering bluster of the prosecutor he once was, Mr. Giuliani has shaken New York's municipal bureaucracy, slashing the payroll by attrition and buyouts and bashing almost anyone he perceives as part of the Democratic status quo. Nowhere was his style of contrived chaos, then compromise, more pronounced than in his epic battle with the Board of Education. He hounded out one schools chancellor, forced the board to reverse itself and reject its choice of a successor, struck a bizarre alliance with the Brooklyn Democratic organization to endorse someone else and finally settled last week on a man he had never met and who only vaguely embraced the Mayor's original conditions for support.

Mr. Riordan, acting more like the businessman he was, has taken a more conciliatory approach toward the same goals.

Both have also had to accommodate some of the very forces — most of them Democratic — that they had rallied against as candidates. In New York, those compromises sometimes seem to have been obscured by Mr. Giuliani's muscular oratory, which reflects not only his personality and professional experience but, perhaps, the temperament of his city (although one of Mr. Riordan's predecessors, the combative Sam Yorty, may have seemed just as characteristic of Los Angeles as the taciturn David N. Dinkins, whom Mr. Giuliani defeated, was of New York).

The Second Half

Now, with Mr. Riordan past the midpoint of his tenure and Mr. Giuliani nearing his, they have found themselves in an uncomfortable middle, sounding neither terribly Republican nor very Democratic — with their popularity slipping. If independence has become a political virtue, the flip side is that the Mayors have alienated both sides.

And the pressure is likely to increase. Their cities are almost certain to suffer deep cuts in Federal aid at the hands of Republicans in Congress. That's not likely to sit well with pivotal Democratic voters.

"They've at least established that it's possible to be elected as a Republican in overwhelmingly Democratic city," said Jay Severin, a Republican campaign strategist based in New York. "The real acid test is whether they can be re-elected."

Despite the stylistic differences, the parallels between these two Mayors are striking. Their elections, although by narrow margins, seemed to signal a willingness of weary voters to take a chance on men who had never before held elective office. They both replaced black mayors, prevailing in campaigns that

underscored deep racial and economic divisions. They cast themselves as conservative on crime and government bureaucracy, while moderate on social issues like abortion and gay rights.

In the nonpartisan elections in Los Angeles, Mr. Riordan made less of his party affiliation than of his business background. Mr. Giuliani ran as a non-Democrat and would have lost without the votes he also received as the candidate of the maverick Liberal Party. Once in City Hall, they both balanced budgets, trimmed taxes, imposed managerial discipline and invested new resources in police departments — in turn, claiming some of the credit for significant declines in reported crime.

"The message that came out of both elections was a desire for a more efficient urban government, urban government that would be socially and fiscally responsible, urban government that made public safety its priority," Mr. Giuliani's chief of staff, Randy Mastro, said. "I think both of these Mayors have focused the debate on these issues."

But they have also done things that, whether for pragmatism or politics or both, have defied the very expectations they set. Both have backed off from the wholesale shift of municipal services to private companies — in part because of the opposition of municipal unions. Mr. Giuliani has even forged a tacit alliance with New York's unions that, to his critics, has undermined his pledges to extract specific productivity improvements and other concessions (although some critics acknowledge that he is only now undergoing his first real test in current bargaining).

"When you play to the organized labor movement, as he has, you're back in the old saddle again, just like mayors have done for years," said Ester R. Fuchs, a professor at Barnard College and a Dinkins adviser.

Nonetheless, these two Mayors have scored best with wary Democrats when they defied their own party. To the dismay of Republicans, they both rallied behind

President Clinton on gun control and the crime bill. And they both crossed party lines to endorse Democrats for statewide office: Mr. Riordan for Senator Diane Feinstein and Mr. Giuliani for Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, the embodiment of Democratic liberalism.

Mr. Riordan's gamble paid off; at least Ms. Feinstein won. Mr. Giuliani's did not. The endorsement catapulted his approval ratings for a while, but he is still regarded as a traitor by supporters of the new Republican Governor, George E. Pataki.

"Orthodoxy," Mr. Severin said, "is a luxury that a big-city Republican cannot easily afford. Their brand of Republicanism is accommodation."

Both Mayors also have had to balance the promise of change they offered core supporters with the wariness of Democrats who consider the Republican Contract With America a threat to America's cities.

In Name Only

Mr. Riordan ducked the debate in California last year over Proposition 187, which would limit government benefits for immigrants, but ordered a review of the city's affirmative action policies. Mr. Giuliani has rallied against Republican efforts to restrict immigration, but has remained unusually muted on proposed Federal cuts in Medicaid and welfare.

Their critiques have not always sat well with fellow Republicans. For a time, Mr. Riordan was greeted by party colleagues wearing pins that read, "RINO," for Republican in Name Only. And after the Cuomo endorsement, angry Republicans suggested that Mr. Giuliani drop the facade and change parties, which is what the city's last Republican Mayor, John V. Lindsay, did.

Now they stand at a crossroads, embraced wholeheartedly by neither side. "This is why it's particularly difficult these days to be a Republican mayor," Mr. Shonenshein said, "and why mayors never rise to higher office."

Bilingual Questions

The Answer Is Either 'Si' or 'No Way'

By WILLIAM CELIS 34

NO single issue is more emblematic of America's ambivalence toward immigrants than bilingual education. And now nagging questions have recast and magnified the issue, which has even become a subject of Presidential politics.

If the debate is familiar, the context is new. Bilingual education has become a target of anti-immigration groups and others eager to have English declared the nation's official language. Like affirmative action, bilingual education has been derided by the descendants of immigrants as an entitlement, a form of preferential treatment that, because it costs more in the short term, is bought at the expense of other school services.

Finally, it is regarded by some critics as another example of self-perpetuating bureaucratic bloat. The Federal Government now spends an estimated \$250 million a year on bilingual education in public schools, where a shortage of money has made those programs, even if they are considered desirable in principle, harder and harder to justify in practice.

The Push Is On

That is clearly the case in New York City, where the incoming schools chancellor, Rudolph F. Crew, pledged last week to make bilingual education a way station rather than a terminus. As it is now, some students spend up to six years virtually isolated from English-speaking classes. That system has prompted lawsuits from parents who complain that, among other things, children with Spanish surnames who happen to test poorly are automatically relegated to bilingual classes regardless of how well they speak English.

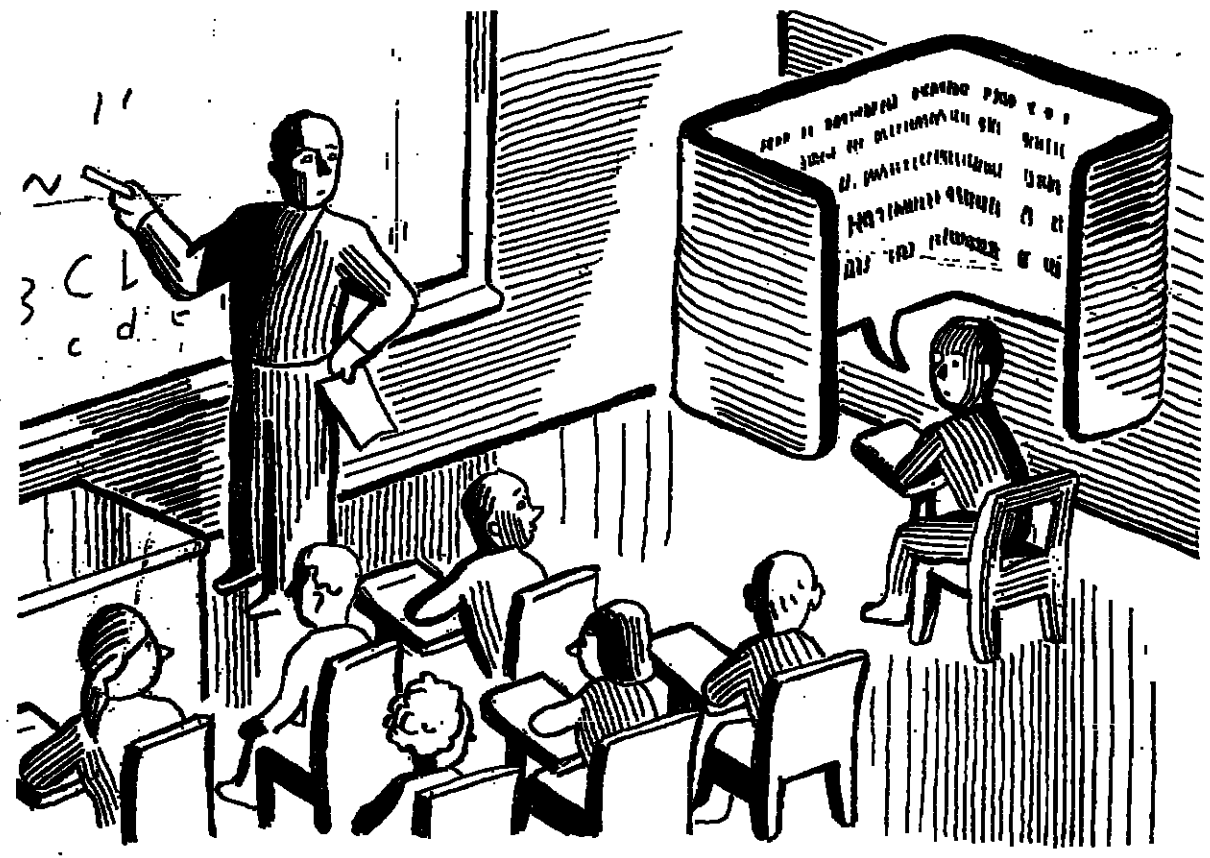
"I think that there is a need for bilingual education, but I think the need should be as a means to an end, not an end in itself," Dr. Crew said.

Now, he said, teachers and administrators often keep students in bilingual programs longer than necessary. "They don't want to let them go into the rest of the school community for fear they will meet sudden failure," he said. "I think you are going to have to really get people to see the whole system works in service to these kids."

Budgetary pressures provide a whole new dimension to a debate that, until recently, was largely centered around two questions:

Is it better to immerse students in English, even if at first they may not understand the instruction, or to teach them English over several years while educating them in other subjects in their native language?

And even if bilingual programs are better, why should the 1 in 20 public school students in the nation



David Suter

who can't speak English be taught in their own language today when the immigrant children who entered school speaking only Italian or Russian or Yiddish or German or Greek or Finnish a century ago managed to get along just fine?

Today, those questions seem to have been overtaken by concerns about whether bilingual programs yield the returns that would justify their cost. A backlash against entitlements and preferential programs has been aggravated as art, music, sports and other school activities have been decimated.

At the same time, enrollment in many districts is increasing — in New York City, at the rate of 20,000 students a year, many of them immigrants. And that puts even more pressure on school spending. Out of a total budget of \$8 billion, the Board of Education spends \$300 million a year on bilingual programs.

At the beginning of this century, when foreign-born people constituted nearly twice the proportion of the population that they do today, immigrants' assimilation by learning English was taken for granted. But for those who could not learn the language, there were plenty of factory jobs available to dropouts. Today, even the most menial service jobs demand some ability to speak and read English (which may explain why, by some reports, more of today's immigrants earn less for longer periods than their counterparts did a century ago).

Still, bilingual education has received decidedly mixed reviews since it was first upheld by the United States Supreme Court in 1973 — in a case involving Chinese children in San Francisco.

Some educators say the best bilingual programs speed immigrants into all-English classes at their

normal grade level after two or three years. But some parents complain that students are left to languish in bilingual programs well beyond the three to five years in which they are expected — or required — to move into the academic mainstream.

All sides in the debate agree that bilingual education has fallen woefully short of its promise. Supporters say it never has been given a chance. They say that bilingual programs have too often been underfunded, grudgingly put in place by school systems that never devised challenging curriculums, and taught by teachers who were not well trained in bilingual education.

Now, some colleges are preparing bilingual teachers better. Also, many states are letting school systems certify educated immigrant parents as teachers after short training sessions. Many cities, including San Francisco and, more recently, New York, have established "newcomer schools" where the entire student body is foreign-born and the courses are taught by teachers fluent in an array of languages. (In New York, students also learn in Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Korean, Polish and French, to name a few.)

Next, College

Some bilingual programs do seem to work. Fully half of the 7,100 students in the Calexico Unified School District, in California near the Arizona state line and the Mexican border, are enrolled in bilingual classes. Most of the students are poor. But the district graduates nearly 90 percent of its high school students and sends nearly as many to four-year colleges. Calexico's curriculum for Spanish-speaking students and for English speakers are the same. The Spanish speakers move first into "sheltered English" classes conducted in both languages and then, typically within three to four years, transfer to all-English classes where they manage to perform at the same grade level as their English-speaking classmates.

"It can be done," says Emily J. Palacio, Calexico's assistant superintendent of instructional services. "But many school districts have viewed bilingual education as a compliance program and not an education program."

Still, at a time when school budgets are tight and when many Americans see immigrants as competition for employment rather than as potential assets in an increasingly global economy, the debate over bilingual education is not just academic.

"Do immigrants deserve special services? Yes," says Sanford J. Ungar, an American University professor and author of "Fresh Blood: The New American Immigrant."

"Will they get them? No. Not in this political climate."

The World

Africa's Nations Start to Be Their Brothers' Keepers

By HOWARD W. FRENCH

TWO impressions, all the more disturbing for their harshly conflicting nature, leap out at any visitor to this war-ravaged West African country, and to its two immediate neighbors, Liberia and Guinea.

All three gush with natural riches: diamonds, bauxite, gold, iron, rubber and endless stands of dense tropical forest. And yet everywhere, the average citizen barely scratches out an existence in what is, even for this poorest of continents, a brutish squalor.

For nearly a decade now, this sub-region has lived as if under a plague. Aimless and savage civil wars have rent Liberia and

So it is now possible to see this region's troubles in an entirely different light.

In both Liberia and Sierra Leone, the dramatically changed equations are due to a new development in the political history of the region. In each case, neighboring countries, rather than former colonial powers or international bodies, have taken a stand against anarchy and begun to turn the tide.

A War's End

In Liberia, several years of diplomatic and military efforts by other West African states, led by Nigeria and Ghana, resulted last month in an end to a war that had killed 150,000 people; the efforts also brought the formation of a new coalition Government.

In Sierra Leone, a war that began as a spillover from Liberia's chaos now seems to be inching tentatively toward a similar conclusion. As in Liberia, soldiers from Nigeria and other nearby countries have helped stabilize the Government.

Even more important, in the eyes of many foreign analysts, however, was the recent arrival of fighter-trainers from the South African firm Executive Outcomes, whose use of air power and mastery of guerrilla warfare seem to have placed the rebel Revolutionary United Front on the defensive.

"The first level of assuring peace and security lies with the people in the country themselves," said Michael Chege, a Kenyan scholar at Harvard's Center for International Affairs. "Once you fail to get consensus at the national level, you have to begin to do so at the regional, or neighborhood level. And that is what we are seeing here, the exercise of regional influence filling a vacuum left by outside powers since the end of the cold war."

African scholars say that the need to act in a concerted fashion is only one lesson of the recent West African experience. Rather than being a case of things falling apart, they say, the problems in places like Liberia and Sierra Leone demonstrate that the worst crises tend to occur in places where



Outside assistance has helped stabilize Sierra Leone's Government. A South African-trained drill instructor teaching army recruits.

In West Africa, regional concern has stopped one war and slowed another.

Sierra Leone, while Guinea, a country frozen in dictatorship, has been flooded with refugees.

Many outsiders — notably the journalist Robert Kaplan — have likened this rotting underbelly of West Africa to an incubator of some approaching anarchy. Chaos, Mr. Kaplan argues, will sweep the continent as populations explode and poorly managed societies fall apart in a cascade of dominoes.

But now something new and surprising seems to be happening: Liberia managed recently to cobble together a peace pact, and battlefield setbacks have forced the rebels in Sierra Leone to contemplate political negotiations.

the colonial era failed to establish systems of modern government in the first place.

In southern Africa, with its fabulously rich but deep and costly mines, and in much of West Africa, with its extensive export-based agriculture, the English and French laid down roots in their colonies that still give the impression that they had intended to stay. Roads and schools were built throughout those countries, and administration was extended to every corner of the hinterland. In this troubled corner of West Africa, however, where mineral wealth lies virtually on the surface waiting to be plucked, and long, heavy rains favored the spread of diseases like malaria and yellow fever (the region came to be known as the "white man's grave"), colonizers made few fixed investments.

The Outsiders' Helpers

Instead, the outside world relied on local intermediaries — populations of resettled slaves, Syrian immigrants or traditional chiefs — to help run economies that were little more than machines of extraction.

"The state never extended its writ in Liberia in the sense that it did in other

African countries," said Ellwood Dunn, a Liberian professor of political science at the University of the South in Tennessee. "The conception of the leadership and of the business people was, 'If the people outside the

Some see chaos on the horizon. Wasn't it there long ago?

city are not causing trouble, why bother with them?"

If Liberia, a country founded in 1847 by returned American slaves, was never a colony in the same sense as Guinea and Sierra Leone, all three countries experienced a similar cultural, economic and political gulf within their societies. The gulf separated small, assimilated urban elites from the bulk of the population, which lived, for the most part, without the benefits of government services or modern administration.

In each country, the first leaders to wres-

tle seriously with the issue of national integration, Sékou Touré in Guinea, Siaka Stevens in Sierra Leone and William Tolbert in Liberia, failed miserably. Most of those in the elites concluded that it was far easier to live on the receipts of the enclave economies they inherited than to fashion a nation.

In retrospect, African scholars say that the results of these failures, both colonial and modern, were predictable: Chaos inevitably spread into the rural vacuums left behind by generations of neglect.

But where Mr. Kaplan draws his pessimistic conclusion of an almost irreversible tide of decay, Africans more and more are cautiously drawing hope from the region's recent changes.

Needed: Patience

"Until their tragedy, Liberians used to think of their country as a nation in the Western perception of the word, but now we know better," said Alpha Bah, a Sierra Leonean professor of history at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. "I have never seen a country that was built in 50 years. There is no reason to feel defeated, because this is a process that will take time."

Suspense Isn't Over In Haiti

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office, rather than hand over the Government to a handpicked but unknown and unproven successor.

Mr. Aristide is "the only unifying force in this entire country," a diplomat here argued. "Why do something to deliberately destabilize the situation?"

The lack of palatable alternatives to Mr. Aristide is made clear by the names that emerge most often in the mounting speculation about his successor.

Several priests and former cabinet ministers are occasionally mentioned as the possible beneficiaries of his support, which would immediately confer front-runner status upon them, but the main focus of conjecture is Mr. Aristide's loyal aide, Rene Preval, a former bakery owner who is now the Government's chief of patronage and a constant source of unease among Haiti's foreign backers.

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Whoever Mr. Aristide's successor turns out to be, he or she will quickly have to learn to make do with less. After pumping \$235 million in assistance into the Haitian economy this year, the Clinton Administration has reduced its aid request for 1996 by more than half, to \$90 million — and may not get even that, given the mood in Congress.

In addition, the private investments that could help fill the gap have been slow to appear. Both the Haitians in diaspora (more than one million people in the United States, Canada and France) and foreign companies have been holding back, waiting for the political situation to clarify. "The vacillation can be explained not by economic policies, but the fact of presidential elections," Cristian Ossa, the representative of the United Nations Development Program here, said. "The private sector wants more certainty."

Boat People, Again?

As a result, few new jobs have been created, and popular impatience with the economic situation is growing. In a small but disturbing echo of the "boat people" crisis that spurred the American intervention, a trickle of Haitians hoping to improve their fortunes is again taking to the seas. The Bahamas recently intercepted several rickety, overcrowded freighters, and a vessel with more than 300 aboard sailed into downtown Miami early this month.

"Yes, for the moment we have security, but there is still no money," said Luckner Gessard, an unemployed construction worker here.

"And soon the foreigners will be gone. What is going to become of us then?"

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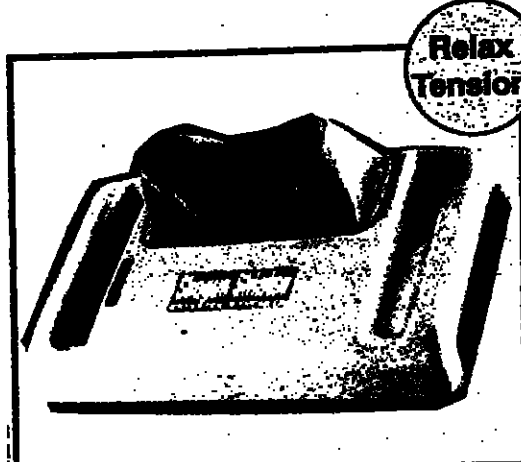
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ECONOMY

Sisterhood is Enriching, Women Investors Find

By REED ABELESON

None would ever confuse the women of New York's 008 Investment Club with the "Beardstown Ladies." The Ladies became famous last spring for their business and highly successful investing style, even though they have never ventured far from their tiny Illinois farm community, where you can still leave your car door unlocked. Many of them never went to college, some never worked outside their homes, and they are all small-town enough to have put recipes for broccoli casserole and angel food cake in their best-selling book about their experiences.

But the women in the 008 club, despite their high-profile jobs, in fashion and real estate, board positions at Mount Sinai Hospital and the Guggenheim, and fondness for black in August, have taken their text from the Beardstown Ladies. For while they may dine with such investment gurus as Byron Wien of Morgan Stanley and be married to men who run Revlon and other huge enterprises, they, too, believe they have a real need, as women, to learn about money.

"Whether you come from Beardstown or you come from New York, you're in the same boat," said Diane Terman Felsenstein, the new club's founder and president. "Women should be caretakers of their own financial future."

Although she has run her own public relations firm for more than two

decades, Ms. Felsenstein had recently come to realize how little she knew about estate planning and investing. She had watched women friends, suddenly widowed or divorced, struggle to make the most basic of financial decisions. In speaking to stockbrokers over the years, she found she didn't begin to know what questions to ask. And the brokers weren't about to help her out. "I can't believe," she said, "how deficient we are."

This is the story of how Ms. Felsenstein and her friends are trying to counter this dangerous ignorance. They have plenty of company. Among the 17,004 investment clubs that belong to the National Association of Investors Corporation, nearly 11 percent are all women, 46 percent are mixed, and just 13 percent are all men. The all-men incidence is just half what it was 10 years ago. While the success of the Beardstown Ladies is one reason for this imbalance, another is more depressing: fear of the financial difficulty that many women, even some of the well-heeled, can fall into in old age. That makes investment clubs a very serious business for them, and it shows in the results. From 1985 to 1994, in average annual return, all-women clubs outperformed all-men groups every year but three.

But a look at the 008 also speaks to the struggle for anyone, man or woman, to learn about a discipline as complex as investing. And, from a different angle, the tale shows how being rich and connected — the club includes Carol Levin and Pat Weinbach, for example, whose husbands

Beginners' Buys

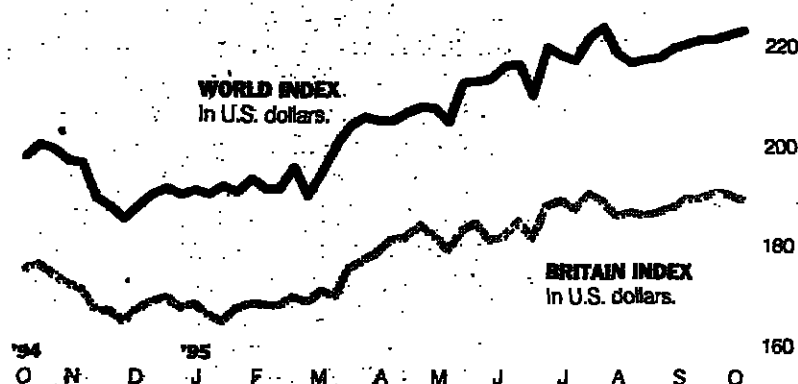
The 008 Club started investing in the stock market in June. Club members used statistical measures, investment guidelines and plain hunches to make their decisions. Here are the companies the club picked, along with at least one reason for each selection.

	HOME DEPOT	AT&T	COLUMBIA HEALTHCARE	HEWLETT PACKARD	PFIZER	CSX CORPORATION
Stock symbol	HD	T	COL	HWP	PFE	CSX
Date of purchase	June 27, 1995	June 27, 1995	June 27, 1995	June 27, 1995††	June 27, 1995	Aug. 14, 1995
Number of shares	125	100	110	100	100	30
Price per share	\$39.625	\$53.125	\$43.125	\$76.125	\$46.1875	\$83.125
Total cost**	\$5,024.92	\$5,379.02	\$4,813.41	\$7,679.02	\$4,685.27	\$2,542.36
Friday's close	\$38.875†	\$62.375	\$49.25	\$83.50	\$57.00	\$83.50
Returns through Friday						
	+7.8%	+17.4%	+14.2%	+9.7%	+23.4%	+0.45%
	-1.9%	+7.8%	+7.8%	+7.8%	+7.8%	+7.8%
Why they picked it	Members were personally impressed by the company's service, and thought it was the best in its business.	"It's the world's networking leader."	"This is big and getting bigger. There will be more cloud for health care."	"Every brokerage company I talked to thinks that Hewlett-Packard is a stock that you should have in your portfolio."	The company is doing more research and development, which should position it well for the future.	The company's growth rate exceeds that of its competitors.

*Excludes cost of selling Home Depot stock. **Includes commissions. †Stock was sold Sept. 14 at this price. ††Bought 65 shares originally, and an additional 35 shares on July 20.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS



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	IN U.S. DOLLARS				IN LOCAL CURRENCY			
Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.
Australia	184.01	-0.2	16	7.2	17	4.03	161.18	9.5
Austria	173.53	-3.7	25	-5.0	23	1.30	128.86	-12.4
Belgium	191.48	-0.8	19	13.7	9	3.76	138.78	5.0
Brazil	148.54	-0.0	15	-9.0	25	1.61	261.98	3.0
Britain	226.42	0.3	13	16.2	8	4.00	213.50	15.6
Canada	144.05	-0.5	18	11.3	13	2.67	139.49	6.1
Denmark	282.78	1.2	5	12.3	11	1.52	213.19	2.3
Finland	253.37	0.9	10	36.3	1	1.40	229.08	23.8
France	173.12	1.1	8	5.9	18	3.25	135.06	-1.4
Germany	159.41	0.8	11	11.2	14	2.02	118.43	2.6
Hong Kong	384.41	0.1	14	17.9	7	3.81	381.55	17.8
Ireland	250.55	1.7	2	21.5	5	3.43	219.55	16.7
Italy	73.30	-1.7	22	-2.6	22	1.73	87.83	-3.7
Japan	143.27	-3.1	24	-8.7	24	0.83	91.17	-7.9
Malaysia	469.44	-2.7	23	-2.1	21	1.78	460.00	-2.4
Mexico	1,000.33	-0.7	26	-29.4	26	-1.89	7,349.74	-3.6
Netherlands	256.56	-0.5	17	18.3	6	3.48	187.33	9.1
New Zealand	78.94	1.0	9	12.0	12	4.50	63.39	8.5
Norway	234.28	1.1	7	9.9	15	2.12	199.43	1.9
Singapore	373.71	-0.8	20	0.2	20	1.67	245.67	-2.0
South Africa	361.97	1.4	3	7.5	16	4.03	289.39	-3.5
Spain	148.97	2.1	1	12.9	10	4.06	139.10	5.7
Sweden	312.28	1.3	4	35.1	2	1.86	321.66	26.5
Switzerland	219.69	1.1	6	33.0	3	1.69	157.58	17.6
Thailand	167.12	-0.9	21	5.7	19	2.50	162.82	5.7
United States	239.48	0.4	12	27.5	4	2.45	239.48	27.5

	COMPOSITE INDICES			
Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.
Europe	194.95	0.5	15.4	3.06
Pacific Basin	154.21	-2.6	-6.1	1.28
Europe/Pacific	171.09	-1.2	3.0	2.13
World	192.77	-0.5	11.4	2.28

Source: Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Friday's London close. © 1995 The Financial Times Ltd., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Standard & Poor's

CURRENCIES

Country	Currency	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japan	Yen per U.S. \$	100.97	100.43	-0.54	98.25
Germany	Marks per U.S. \$	1.4276	1.4205	-0.50	1.5202
Canada	Canadian \$ per U.S. \$	1.3385	1.3315	-0.53	1.3548
Britain	U.S. \$ per British pound	1.5750	1.5847	-0.61	1.5943

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets, exchange rates as of Friday's New York close

UPS AND DOWNS

Oct. 9-13: Bond Yields Tumble, Stocks Advance

PRICES

DOMESTIC EQUITIES

Broad market	Up 0.35%
S&P 500 index	584.50
Blue chips	Up 0.51%
Dow 30 industrials	4,793.73
Small capitalization	Up 0.08%
Russell 2000 index	302.07

DOMESTIC BONDS

Treasuries	Up 0.72%
Ryan Labs. Total Return	185.56
Municipals	Up 1.35%
Bond Buyer index	117.91
Corporates	Up 0.80%
Merrill Lynch Master index	792.00

AROUND THE WORLD

European stocks	Up 0.50%
F.T.-Actuaries Europe	194.95
Asian stocks*	Down 2.65%
F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	154.21
Gold	Up 0.08%
New York cash price	\$386.40

Foreign indexes are shown in dollar terms.

YIELDS

BONDS

Long bonds	6.30%
30-year Treasuries	Down 12 basis pts.
Short bonds	5.65%
2-year Treasuries	Down 8 basis pts.
Municipals	5.89%
Bond Buyer index	Down 10 basis pts.

100 basis points = 1 percentage point

OTHER INVESTMENTS

Money market funds	5.20%
Bank fund average	Down 9 basis pts.
Bank C.D.'s	5.10%
1-year small savers	Unchanged
Stocks	2.40%
S&P 500 dividend yield	Down 1 b.p.

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Riders on the Storm

The O. J. Simpson case has produced a hot blast of racial disaffection in the country, and no one should be surprised that charlatans of all hues want to use that blast to lift unworthy careers and causes to new heights. Similarly, it is no surprise that Louis Farrakhan is foremost among the callous self-promoters. It is also unsurprising that the Rev. Benjamin Chavis Jr., whose disgraceful behavior almost wrecked the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, should have signed on as director of Mr. Farrakhan's Million Man March.

These two black men have this in common with the white racists of the previous generation. They want to prolong and exploit the nation's racial divisions. Yet their cunning invocations of black family stability and of a potent symbolic event, the 1963 March on Washington, have tended to make people of conscience overly timid about criticizing either their contrived event or the twisted Farrakhan ideology that it is intended to promote.

In endorsing the march, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Black Congressional Caucus have foolishly let a misguided solidarity about the march's public goals divert their attention from the ideas and character of its leader. Mary Frances Berry, chairwoman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, has correctly diagnosed Mr. Farrakhan's pathology as racist, sexist, anti-Semitic and homophobic.

The coalition of black feminists led by Angela Davis and Jewell Jackson McCabe emphasized one of the many dangers inherent in this march. They labeled the march's message that it is "time for men to step forward and women to step back" as an insult to 400 years of burden-sharing by black men and women.

It is understandable that many black Americans will be tempted to overlook Mr. Farrakhan's

separatism and Mr. Chavis's financial and personal peccadilloes because of a shared concern about drugs, unstable families, unemployment and violence. But they should realize that Mr. Farrakhan intends to use their support to aggrandize himself and the Nation of Islam. There has been a lot of talk about apples and trees lately. Everyone must recognize that only poisoned apples can fall from Mr. Farrakhan's tree.

In the last few days, even as his mainstream allies tried to buff up Mr. Farrakhan for national consumption or downplay his involvement, the march and his minions have become ever more flagrant in their racist self-promotion. In an interview released by Reuters on Friday, Mr. Farrakhan asserted that Jews, Arabs, Koreans and Vietnamese doing business in black communities are "bloodsuckers." On Thursday, Mr. Farrakhan's chief of staff told a press conference that those who march will be showing that they personally support Mr. Farrakhan and that they look to him as a national leader.

But contempt for the leaders of the march must not lead to any kind of national denial about the underlying realities of race in America. Prejudice remains a historic, thematic problem in American politics and law. The behavior of the Los Angeles police, the ceaseless Beltway war against Government programs that benefit minorities, the commercial excesses of the O. J. industry all attest to the continuing need for healing leadership. The way ahead will be made rougher by talk shows, tabloids and, if recent events are an indicator, perhaps by Mr. Simpson's delusional campaign for some kind of public apology.

None of that changes one truth that serves this moment. No matter how many well-meaning citizens he can mislead on any given day, Mr. Farrakhan remains a symptom of our ills, not a physician who can heal them.

Bosnia, After the Cease-Fire

Even with a formal cease-fire, Bosnia's agony continues. But the prospects for an early end to the suffering are now better than they have ever been before. Muscular American diplomacy, backed by a sustained NATO bombing campaign, has made a decisive difference. It has also deepened the American role in Bosnia and brought Washington new responsibilities.

The cease-fire was supposed to begin Wednesday, but Muslim and Croatian troops continued to advance on the Bosnian Serb population center of Banja Luka. This offensive has sent tens of thousands of Serbian refugees fleeing for safety and brought Serbian threats to abandon this month's scheduled peace talks. Serbian militias have struck back by expelling large numbers of Muslim women and children who report that the Serbs marched away thousands of their male relatives.

Despite these new spasms of violence, diplomats still expect the cease-fire to take hold. Serbian, Muslim and Croatian bargainers are now preparing for the intensive peace talks that begin in the United States Oct. 31.

Six months ago, the Clinton Administration resolved its long internal argument over whether to defer to its allies' insistence on strict neutrality between Serbs and Muslims or call on NATO air power to halt Serbian assaults against the Muslim-led Bosnian Government and its besieged civilians.

Combining the two approaches, Washington embarked on a new course that for the first time united diplomatic pressure with serious NATO

bombing to protect Muslim civilian enclaves.

While NATO bombs fell and Croatian and Muslim advances made the proposed division of Bosnia into two roughly equal ethnic zones a military reality, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke deployed a mix of financial, political and military inducements and threats to achieve a preliminary constitutional compromise and now a cease-fire.

The emerging settlement offers Bosnia's Muslim leadership less than its supporters once hoped for. But it probably assures Bosnia's political and physical survival and it morally obligates United States forces to participate in a postwar peacekeeping operation to guarantee that all sides live up to their territorial and humanitarian commitments.

Washington, as the acknowledged leader of international diplomacy on Bosnia, must now maintain its credibility with all sides. But it is not obliged to remain silent on issues like the Bosnian-Croatian offensive and threatened Muslim males of Banja Luka. NATO has rightly felt free to renew bombing attacks until peace and the safety of civilians are fully assured. Western air power should not be used indiscriminately to shape the battlefield situation. But it is appropriate to use NATO air power for humanitarian purposes around Banja Luka today just as it was effectively used around Sarajevo several weeks ago.

The United States must tread a careful path, nurturing an emerging peace while doing what it can to restrain a still dangerous war.

Bribes for the Doctors

Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House, brought the American Medical Association behind his Medicare reform program last week by handing out three concessions. His maneuvering blunted the opposition of the only constituency with enough power to defeat his plan. Regrettably, however, the Speaker's concessions made an already bad Medicare bill substantially worse. This bill was never designed to give the elderly high-quality health care. It is less likely to do so now.

Mr. Gingrich's first concession was to soften proposed cuts in fees that doctors can charge for patients who stay in fee-for-service coverage. An official of the American Medical Association claimed the concession would be worth billions of dollars. The House leadership said millions. In this case, the A.M.A. settled for a vague and perhaps inconsequential promise.

The second concession was anything but vague. Mr. Gingrich agreed to ease antitrust laws for the ostensible purpose of permitting doctors and hospitals to create their own health plans in competition with traditional insurance companies.

Doctor-owned plans would offer consumers valuable new options. But doctors can join together to create such plans under existing law. The danger with Mr. Gingrich's overly broad formulation is that it invites doctors to engage in blatantly anti-competitive behavior. He would allow doctors who have no intention of going into business together to conspire among themselves to impose high fees and needlessly expensive treatment practices on health plans using their services.

Physicians argue that state regulators, pres-

sured by the insurance industry, will hold up their applications to set up plans. Perhaps. Mr. Gingrich's answer is to permit physician-owned health plans to operate with Federal, rather than state, certification.

That presents a problem. Washington is likely to impose standards — for example, the amount of cash reserves the plan must hold — that, even if adequate, will fall short of standards imposed by highly regulated states. That would give the physician-owned plans an unjustified market advantage.

To prevent this disparity, Congress should insist that physician-owned plans seek state approval before the doctors run to Washington. The Federal certification should be temporary. Finally, every health plan serving only Medicare patients should be eligible for Federal certification. That way physician-owned plans could not preserve a regulatory advantage.

Mr. Gingrich's third concession was to cap malpractice awards at ridiculously low levels. Fortunately, the Senate is unlikely to go along with this and other mistakes in the Gingrich plan. But Senate tinkering cannot overcome the major flaw in the G.O.P.'s overall strategy. The Republicans in both chambers must knock \$270 billion out of Medicare to achieve their goal of balancing the Federal budget by 2002. To reach that target, their bills risk denying doctors and hospitals the money they need to provide high-quality care.

If Mr. Gingrich clings to the \$270 billion target, he will be remembered less for the legislative skill of bringing a bill out of the House than for wrecking a system on which 40 million elderly rely.

Why I'm Marching in Washington Tomorrow

To the Editor:

A. M. Rosenthal's "Swamp of Hatred" (column, Oct. 10) is inspiring, although not for the reasons he might think. The "swamp" is apparently the inevitable destination of all those who would participate in the Million Man March in Washington on Oct. 16: supposedly lackeys of Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, and his "goon squads."

I have practiced law for almost a quarter-century, was educated at America's best (University of Michigan, New York University), am the son of two people with advanced degrees from the University of Michigan, all of whose parents graduated from college.

I live comfortably, commuting by Metro-North to my offices in the City Hall area of Manhattan.

So how is it that this product and beneficiary of the system has spun so far out of his designated orbit as to be spiraling into Mr. Rosenthal's swamp, accompanied by many of my friends and colleagues?

Believe that the march is bigger than Minister Farrakhan. While he is to be credited with developing the idea and will undoubtedly be a princ-

pal speaker, his presence is not the overriding consideration in deciding whether or not to attend.

I do not here attempt to explain, justify, deny or criticize his influence. Suffice it to say, his participation is hardly enough to keep us away.

For it is people like Mr. Rosenthal, who attempt to prescribe what is morally correct in such simplistic and constricting terms, and who are so unwilling or incapable of understanding the dynamics that swirl in black communities, who help provide part of the motivation to march.

I am hardly on my way into anybody's swamp. Rather, I'm taking time off from the plantation, and trying to walk and help others walk on water, as it were, right out of the real swamp engulfing so many.

Three weeks ago a young brother attempted to persuade a group of middle-aged professionals to participate in the march. He poignantly told us that his generation needs to be able to see our footprints.

Three days ago we heard that at any given moment one-third of young black males are dancing to the hip-hop of the criminal justice system. It's not our total answer, but we

must not close our ears to the man-child's call. Put feet to pavement March!

NICHOLAS M. CHERA
New York, Oct. 10, 1995

Let Powell Speak Up

To the Editor:

Gen. Colin Powell's noncommittal response to the invitation to speak at Louis Farrakhan's Million Man March in Washington is not without precedent. In 1952 Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower did not defend his mentor, Sen. George C. Marshall, against outrageous charges by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. Eisenhower yielded to what he perceived at the moment to be political necessities.

Mr. Powell, who abhors racism of any kind and who has had a warm connection with Jews since his childhood in the Bronx, is now avoiding distancing himself from Mr. Farrakhan's blatant anti-Semitism.

In later years Eisenhower admitted that he was ashamed of his silence in 1952. I suspect that Mr. Powell will say the same in 30 years, but must he wait for a later act of contrition?

ARTHUR HERTZBERG
New York, Oct. 11, 1995

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Still the Mind Seems to Some a Machine

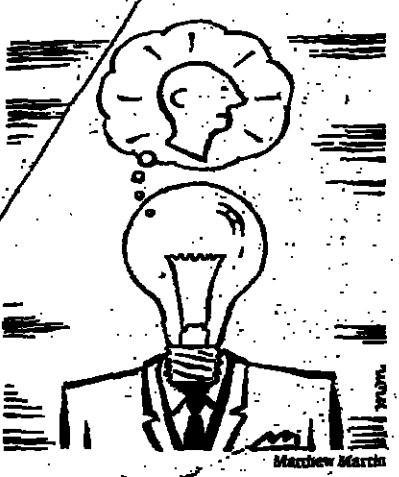
To the Editor:

Re "Christie's Sells Part of a Pre-Computer" (Business Day, Oct. 9): The auctioning of a "Difference Engine" designed by Charles Babbage (1792-1871) indicates not only interest in the history and technology of computers, but also continuing fascination with the idea that the mind can be understood on the model of mechanical "thinking machine."

The American philosopher Charles Peirce wrote that Babbage's proposed Analytical Engine (a more complex machine) was "the great misfortune" of Babbage's otherwise illustrious life.

To Peirce, Babbage had been seduced by the notion that the human mind and the machine have a common functional description: that of manipulating symbols by means of formal rules. Instead, Peirce believed that even syllogistic reasoning requires a living act of choice based on discernment, beyond the powers of any conceivable machine.

The Christie's sale reminds us that the popular view that the human



being is a mere machine automation with an idle consciousness is still alive, despite academia's sophisticated claims to have buried Descartes.

KATHLEEN HULL
Madison, N.J., Oct. 10, 1995

The writer is a graduate student in theological studies at Drew U.

U.S. Should Release Guatemala Files Too

To the Editor:

I was pleased to read "The Truth America Owes Honduras" (editorial, Oct. 9), which calls on the Clinton Administration to release documents on Battalion 316, a secret Honduran Army death squad that was trained and financed by the Reagan Administration in the early 1980's.

To its credit, the Honduran Government has sought to determine the fate of people who disappeared during those years, and on Sept. 21 my amendment calling for the expedited declassification of these documents was adopted by the United States Senate.

Although members of the Honduran security force may try to impede these investigations, they will have a far harder time if the facts are available for all to see.

The Clinton Administration should also order the release of documents relating to disappearances and other atrocities in Guatemala, where they have occurred in even greater numbers.

The United States should not contribute to the impunity that is afforded to the perpetrators of these crimes.

PATRICK LEAHY
U.S. Senator from Vermont
Washington, Oct. 11, 1995

Small Investors Fuel Rebound of Stocks

To the Editor:

"Selloff Becomes 'Opportunity' as Stocks Reverse a Plunge" (Business Day, Oct. 11), on the rebound in stock prices as an example of investor faith that stock prices will continue to rise in the long term, offers an explanation that has become the

License to Discriminate

To the Editor:

In "U.S. Justices Hear, and Also Debate, a Gay Rights Case" (front page, Oct. 11), both sides arguing the constitutionality of the Colorado law miss an important point.

Antidiscrimination laws protect on the basis of sexual orientation, while Colorado's Amendment 2 denies protection on the basis of homosexual orientation.

While antidiscrimination laws may in practice protect a minority, they are intended to protect everyone: Amendment 2 singles out a minority for possible discrimination.

Perhaps, if all lesbian and gay Coloradoans in a position to do so fired their heterosexual employees and evicted their heterosexual tenants, more people would understand the importance of antidiscrimination laws.

LEWIS HOLMAN
New York, Oct. 11, 1995

Tough Tariff Measures Were Followed by the Great Depression

To the Editor:

"Buchanan's Tough Tariff Talk Rattles G.O.P." (front page, Oct. 8) reports on one of the major campaign themes of the Republican Presidential contender Patrick J. Buchanan: a call for the imposition of higher import tariffs as a means of curing the chronic United States trade deficit.

Are new tariffs a good idea? On balance, do Americans and the United States economy stand to benefit from such a protectionist measure? The modern record stretching back to the tariff law known as the Smoot-Hawley Act suggests the opposite.

This notorious legislation was passed by Congress in June 1930, and stock market developments that year — while affected by many factors — did not portend a ringing endorsement of this legislative initiative.

Before long, the trade war escalated as American customs duties rose on average to a high level — just below 50 percent — and 25 countries took retaliatory measures and raised duties on imports from the United States. The full effect of the tariff

law on the Great Depression is subject to debate, but there is little doubt that the trade war further retarded international trade and the American economy.

Mr. Buchanan discounts the threat of retaliation by other nations, and he argues — not without some logic — that those who run big surpluses in their trade with us have more to lose from a full-scale trade war.

However, even if other countries do not take overt hostile measures, such tariffs are likely to do more damage than good. This point has been demonstrated by a recent United States International Trade Commission study that concluded that the removal of outstanding antidumping and countervailing duty or-

ders that were in effect in 1991 would have netted that year alone a gain to the United States economy of \$1.6 billion.

ITZBAK SHARAV
Prof. of Economics, Lehman College
Bronx, Oct. 9, 1995

Players Struck Baseball

To the Editor:

On behalf of my partners in Major League Baseball, I take exception to the last clause in "Playoff Passions" (editorial, Oct. 10).

Your final sentence reads: "These games with the Mariners rose to a level of old-fashioned excitement that may well carry over to next season, if the owners do not find ways to crush it."

Both on your editorial page and in your sports pages, you conveniently overlook the fact that the players went on strike last year — not the owners, not the clubs. Had the players accepted our original proposal a year ago in June, their aggregate payroll this year would have been a minimum of \$1 billion, \$100 million more than they actually received.

From an economic vantage point, going on strike was a huge mistake, from which everybody in baseball has suffered.

It is convenient to blame the owners for baseball's problems, but I also expect you to exercise some fairness.

BUD SELIG
Chmn., Major League Exec. Council
New York, Oct. 11, 1995

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Rewriting 'The Scarlet Letter': Hawthorne's Heroine Goes Hollywood

By Joyce Carol Oates

W hen Nathaniel Hawthorne finished reading about his "fired" story, "The Scarlet Letter," to his adoring wife, Sophia, on Feb. 3, 1850, he noted to a friend in a letter, "It broke her heart and sent her to bed with a grievous headache, which I look upon as a triumphant success."

The new Disney version of "The Scarlet Letter," a lushly photographed and luridly orchestrated ode to the power of romantic love, might be described as Sophia Hawthorne's belated revenge.

Indeed, it's a backlash against every great American prose classic in which happy endings are denied in the service of mythologized "male" issues of courage, conscience, destiny. Why not, for once, a romantic ending, the lovers united? In the book Hawthorne's fated lovers are joined together only after death — "One tombstone served for both." How much more cinematically exciting for Hester Prynne, the adulteress, and the Rev. Arthur Dimmesdale, the Puritan minister who is her secret lover, to ride off triumphantly in full view of the scandalized community? As a stylish contempo-

tounded by Hester's first glimpse of Dimmesdale: she is wandering through a forest (so Disneyized one expects to see Bambi tripping by) on the trail of a peculiar-looking red bird (neither cardinal nor scarlet tanager, like no bird in North America), when she comes across a man swimming nude! It turns out to be, of course, Dimmesdale, the handsome bachelor cleric, shortly to ascend to the pulpit of his church to give a passionate sermon, his shoulder-length tresses still damp from his woodland swim and his soulful eyes seeking out Hester's amid the plain, pasty-faced congregation.

Where Hawthorne created in Dimmesdale a vivid portrait of "a true priest... with an order of mind that impelled itself powerfully along the track of a creed and wore its passage continually deeper with the lapse of time," the film presents simply a male romantic lead whose very name, Dimmesdale, now makes no sense in terms of his character. Plot and hero are irremediably misallied: how could this manly Dimmesdale fail to acknowledge his love for Hester when she is exposed as pregnant, and imprisoned? Hawthorne's Dimmesdale was paralyzed by conscience and cowardice for a period of seven years. But then he was not a Hollywood star.

Hester Prynne has been changed, too, into a patronizing, predictable figure whose independence and single-mother feistiness would have been absurd in Hawthorne's theocratic, thoroughly patriarchal Puritan community: anyone who behaved as she does would have been broken, driven away, her baby taken from her.

Hawthorne's sympathetic portrait of Hester after passion has run its course is one of the painful illuminations of the novel: "There seemed to be no longer anything in Hester's face for Love to dwell upon; nothing in Hester's form... that Passion would ever dream of clasping in its embrace... Such is frequently the fate... of the feminine character and person, when the woman has encountered, and lived through, an experience of peculiar severity." Freed from her bondage, even after her daughter has grown up and emigrated to England (to marry a nobleman's son), Hester stubbornly elects to remain in the very community that has condemned her, a penitent mourning her lost lover. In the film, no sacrifice is required of Hester: she is a woman who has it all.

The Disneyization of "The Scarlet Letter" represents American filmmaking at its most spectacularly superficial. Or perhaps it's the medium of film, in contrast to prose, that is superficial. Where the world can only be presented as primarily visual, and where character is expressed in terms of physical attractiveness, the intellectual, moral and spiritual qualities that constitute the human condition can be explored only with difficulty. (Or cinematic genius, which is always in short supply.)

By its very nature, film is sensual and immediate and fluid; as the camera moves on, it swiftly forgets; those conflicts of conscience and desire that characterize so much of adult life are raised only to be resolved. In a film of such blatant wish-fulfillment as this, every scene conspires to provide the happy ending that, it's hoped, will sell tickets; every narrative development, every dramatic issue, is contrived to be



Wanda Popp

solved in terms of the final shot.

Is it, perhaps, unfair to object to contrived happy endings in films, or novels, when we yearn for them in our own lives? The happy ending compensates, of course, for life's myriad snarls, which often admit of no endings but only postponements, continuations, repetitions.

One might argue that tragedy, the quintessential male art form, is a genre as artificial as comedy or romance. Tragedy assigns the highest values to noble suffering, to courage in the face of defeat. Tragedy, echoing the ancient rites out of which it arose, necessitates human sacrifices, literal corpses. Tragedy is the art form that revels in death, as if death were a kind of transfiguring experience and not the portal to mere deadness. Virtually all tragic protagonists are men; though there are powerfully characterized women in Greek drama, among them Antigone, Medea, Clytemnestra and Electra, only Antigone merits the crown of supreme tragic heroine.

The trajectory of what we might call the female vision, as distinct from the male, is toward accommodation, not repudiation; life, not elevated death; the survival of the individual as a member of a species itself bent upon survival as the highest, perhaps the only, good. The female vision seeks compromise in order that the next generation — and the next — come into being. There is nothing diminished or contemptible in such a vision, our knowing that our mothers would have wished us life at any cost, including, most likely, their own suffering or humiliation.

We grew up in the shadow of Fort Stevens, where Lincoln in his frock coat dodged the bullets of Jubal Early's Confederate troops in the battle that saved the capital.

You might say we grew up in the shadow of union. Cynthia and Deborah were my best friends and next-door neighbors. Though they were black and I was white, the significance of the fort escaped us. But it was a good place to go sledding.

In those days, we did not need sensitivity training. We had the same desires and disappointments. We played Double Dutch. (Now we would be accused of offending the Dutch.) We snatched the key to my dad's Seth Thomas to tighten our roller skates. We snuck in to see Vincent Price in "The Fall of the House of Usher."

Later, I would understand there were problems. I remember the fight the nuns waged when an amusement park did not want to let the black kids in our class come to a picnic. (They came. Never bet against nuns.) As children, we treated each other with maturity. As adults, we learned to be childish, to pick up and keep up tribal resentments. As the song from "South Pacific" goes, "You've got to be taught to hate and fear, to hate all the people your relatives hate."

Affirmative action has brought the sexes and races into the same room, but with wariness about who might get ahead. Just as men and women in the workplace circle each other, so do blacks and whites. If the sexes can't communicate clearly, why should it be simple for different races?

In the wake of the Simpson verdict, with the polarizing images of black thrills and white chills, and on the eve of the Million Man March, led by a man who peddles racial and religious divisions to promote himself, whites and blacks suddenly seem frozen in a split screen of resentment and incomprehension.

But is it so sudden? Or had we lived and played apart for so long that we lost track of how different our experiences and thoughts and perceptions of progress were?

The truth is that Washington has never become truly integrated. Whites cluster west of Rock Creek Park, in tony neighborhoods like Cleveland Park and Georgetown. Blacks live on the other side of the park, in nice middle-class neighborhoods, and beyond, in the dangerous, desolate places that are not listed on the tourist maps. We work together,

but then, mostly, we retreat to separate worlds.

I went back to Rittenhouse Street, where it had seemed so easy to understand how blacks looked at the world, to see how they felt about the march and this split screen of O. J. Simpson and Mark Fuhrman.

(The truth is that the racist detective was my worst nightmare, too. My father was also a police detective. As a reporter, I avoided working on any stories about police brutality or corruption. I couldn't bear to know about bad cops poisoning the quiet bravery of good cops.)

I talked to Kelvin Tabbs, a 22-year-old college student in a Raiders cap, who said that white liberals are upset about the Farrakhan march because "they do not have the power to control blacks and choose their leaders."

"All these white people say, 'Don't blame me for what my forefathers did.' But they're missing the point. It's still going on, but it's a hidden agenda. I'm an ex-football player, a

Black and white in Washington.

big black guy. Every time I walk into a store, people look at me suspiciously until I smile and start talking. We don't judge whites by the way they look, even if we see a guy who looks like Jesse Helms coming down the street."

Ray Thompson, a 40-year-old Navy veteran who is an electromagnetic signal analyst, was unpacking fishing gear from his car. He knows that Louis Farrakhan has a divisive message, but he thinks blacks need to hear his credo of economic independence. "Sometimes it seems that racism is like violence, a circle that has no beginning and no end," he said, softly. "People taking revenge for actions against them, or perceived actions, or historical actions. It's like Bosnia. Where does it end? When do we say: Both sides are guilty — let's stop and move forward from here?"

He thinks that if we can talk to each other, instead of about each other, coded racism can be uncoded. "It's like a tiger laying out there, hiding behind the bushes," he said. "I'd rather know the tiger is there. That way, I may stand some chance of dealing with it effectively."

Tragedy is a male art form. Women have always hungered for happy endings.

rary touch, Hester can hold the reins.

For here is a bristly Disneyized version of Hawthorne's dark, brooding prose poem of ambiguity, his evocation of a "legend" of a bygone Puritan world whose spiritual heritage, in 1850, had worn thin. Even in the terms of Hawthorne's era, "The Scarlet Letter" is not a realistic novel; its characters are figures in a kind of pageant, and its drama is that of interior, spiritual states examined through the psychological equivalent of a giant magnifying lens. Hawthorne's vision of humanity is meditative, not dynamic. He suggests that our lives are predominantly subterranean, and the small fraction that is action, visible to others, is a consequence of the subterranean, and far less significant.

Where Hawthorne imagined a tragic ending for his adulterous lovers, death for the neurotic Dimmesdale after a public confession of his sin, and the remainder of her life as a penitent for Hester Prynne, Hollywood prefers an upbeat ending. As if rewritten by D. H. Lawrence in a self-parodying mood, the tale now contains slow-motion love scenes and giddy horseback rides through the forest.

Hawthorne would have been as-

Joyce Carol Oates, who teaches writing at Princeton University, is the author, most recently, of "Zombie."

Foreign Affairs

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Mona and Maya, Yitzhak and Yasir

Time for a peace between 2 peoples.

WASHINGTON

After Israeli and Palestinian negotiators in Oslo finished their first draft peace accords and initiated them, Palestinian negotiator Abu Alaa wrote a note at the bottom of Israeli negotiator Uri Savir's official copy. It was directed at Mr. Savir's daughter, Maya, and said: "Dear Maya, I have a daughter your age. I hope you will meet her one day... Abu Alaa." Mr. Savir wrote a similar note at the bottom of Abu Alaa's copy, directed at his daughter Mona. The good news is Maya and Mona have met and today are friends. The bad news is they are still pretty unusual among Israelis and Palestinians.

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have become real partners in this peace process. "I know all of his quirks and he knows all of mine," Yitzhak Rabin says of Yasir Arafat. But that is not true of their respective populations. This is a peace treaty between the tops of two pyramids, but the bases, while they have gone along with it, have not embraced it the way their leaders have. During Phase I this gap didn't matter much, because the peace was implemented largely in the Gaza Strip, where the two populations were not intertwined.

But that is not true in Phase II, which just began. It involves taking two populations living together in the West Bank — the most sensitive territory in this conflict — and getting them to separate from each other, while simultaneously cooperating so that their separation remains peaceful. Such a complex arrangement will only work if the two peoples — not just the two leaders — see them-

selves to some degree as partners. For Mr. Arafat and Mr. Rabin to transform their personal peace into a peace between peoples will require them to do business differently. Israelis will judge Mr. Arafat on one issue: whether he delivers for them physical and psychological security. He has to use every means, and appear to use every means, to prevent attacks on Israelis. There is no time (or room) for excuses or a learning curve.

More important, Mr. Arafat has to start speaking differently in Arabic. Israelis are not much interested in what Mr. Arafat says to them. But they are keenly interested in what he says to his own people about Israel, about his goals and about those who oppose this process. Israeli negotiators might be ready to shrug it off when they hear that Mr. Arafat is still using terms like "Jihad," or holy war. But the Israeli public will not. Mr. Arafat can only foster partnership with the Israeli people if he talks to his own people differently.

"Arafat cannot achieve a partnership with Israelis while talking to Palestinians with the traditional language of Palestinian rejectionism," said the Middle East expert Stephen Cohen. "Terms like 'Refugees,' 'Jerusalem,' 'The Covenant' were seen historically as code words for the de-

struction of Israel. Arafat can use these symbols only if he reinterprets them as goals to be achieved within the framework of the partnership with Israel."

For Palestinians, the test of whether Mr. Rabin is being a real partner is whether he delivers to them control over their own lives. Israel has to find the right balance between protecting its legitimate security interests and not strangling Palestinians' efforts to create their own political and economic institutions. Israel's restriction on the movement of Palestinian goods and workers between Gaza and the West Bank is one such constraint on Palestinian development.

Palestinians will also be listening to how Mr. Rabin talks to Israelis, and whether he can redefine some of the symbols of Zionism, like "Judea and Samaria," the biblical terms for the West Bank, which for Palestinians were code words for occupation. Mr. Rabin has to (and is trying to) distinguish between Israel's historical attachment to these places and its political ownership. Israelis will always remain emotionally attached to areas of the West Bank, and their access to them must never be denied. But that does not mean they have to have militarily control over every place to which they are emotionally attached.

Only when Mr. Arafat and Mr. Rabin take the myths of the conflict and do for them what they have done for each other — normalize them, pragmatize them and de-demonize them — will partnership be possible on the people level. Only then will there be enough Monas and Mayas to sustain this peace.

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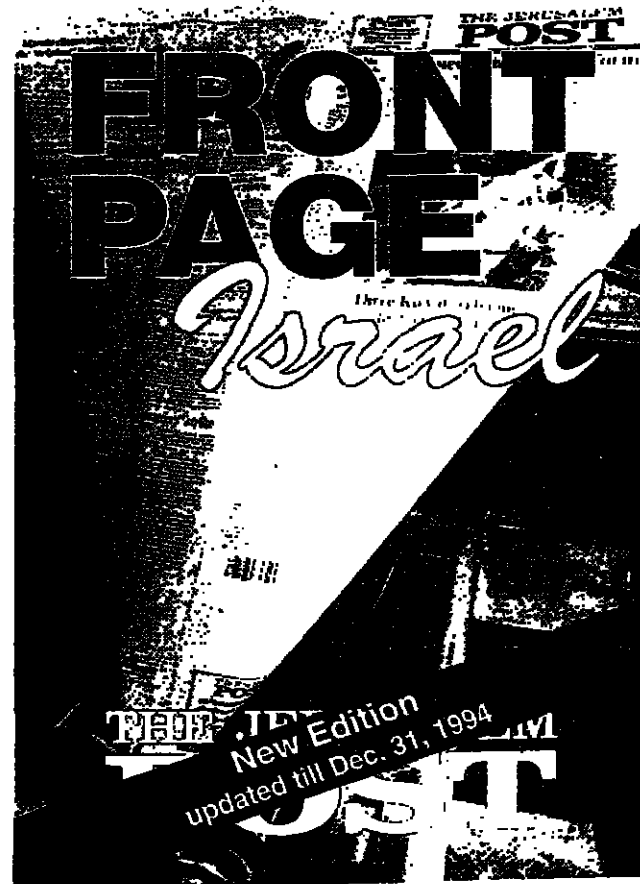
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הכרזת מלחמה

Flutist: A rounded life as important as rounded notes

WHEN the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra held auditions for an opening in its flute section last month, one of the strongest candidates around chose to sit it out.

Marcelo Ehrlich, 31, who for six years has been principal flutist of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, explains his decision.

"The Philharmonic is a totally different world than any other local orchestra. There was no point in entering the audition just to see if I could make it. I didn't enter, because I want to have free time for chamber music and solo activities."

Ehrlich also needs time for ex-

tra-musical activities such as university. A one-time psychology student, he has just graduated from the Tel Aviv University with a degree in biology.

"I do not try to compare music and biology. These are two entirely different worlds. Biology is a discipline in which today's truth will no doubt be changed tomorrow. In music, there are not as many frequent changes - if at all."

He anticipates beginning work toward a doctorate in biology.

Add to his passion for biology his love for his wife and two daughters, ages five and two, and one understands why Ehrlich

needs the free time.

The flutist, who wears his hair in a ponytail and features a very short-trimmed beard and a mustache, immigrated from his native Sao Paulo when he was 18.

He doesn't miss Brazil at all. "I feel 100 percent Israeli. The only problem being here is that it's difficult to maintain an international career. But otherwise Israel is my home and I'm very proud of it."

Aside from his ongoing work in Haifa, which means daily trips from his Ramat Aviv home for rehearsals and concerts, Ehrlich

plays chamber music - especially with guitarist Reuben Seroussi and the occasional solo performance with other orchestras.

"No one can deny the Mozart flute concert its beauty, but I prefer music written after Mozart's time. I like romantic music, but unfortunately neither Brahms nor Tchaikovsky wrote flute concertos. But I adore playing the Nielsen, Jolivet and Chaminade concertos."

He also teaches younger flutists. "I try to explain to all my students that music is a very tough career on the one hand and

yet the most beautiful one on the other. It has its glorious moments, but it comes with a very dull daily routine. I try and show my pupils that there are other things in life besides music."

This week Ehrlich helps his orchestra to open its season as he plays the solo part in Paul Schoenfield's *Klezmer Rondos*, an opus written originally (1990) as a klezmer piece and recently arranged by the composer with suggestions from New York Philharmonic principal flutist Jeanne Baxresser, to a more conventional concert hall opus.

"It is rather unique to have the flute solo in a klezmer piece, but I do a lot of ornamentations with it which sounds like a cantor in the synagogue."

In fact, the work features a cantor as well, while Ehrlich plays on both the flute and the piccolo.

"It is a very virtuosic piece, but a great opus. It features some very clear folk elements, but it is not cheap folk music. There is a lot of Jewish humor and inner sarcasm in it."

Although the American-born composer of *Klezmer Rondos* now resides in Israel, he did not attend any of the initial rehears-

als, and Ehrlich admits he prefers it that way.

"Once a composer writes a piece, his job is done. Then it's my job as a performer to continue his work. I've done a lot of contemporary music, and the best works need no explanations from the composers, as everything is very clearly written in the score."

Ehrlich plays Schoenfield's *Klezmer Rondos* this Saturday at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim and next Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium with HSO music director Stanley Sperber on the podium.

Kitschy, kitschy koo, but more too

FILM REVIEW

ADINA HOFFMAN

JACK AND SARAH

★★★

Written and directed by Tim Sullivan. Hebrew title: *Jack V'Sarah*. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.

Jack Richard E. Grant
Amy Samantha Mathis
Margaret Judi Dench
William Ian McKellen

Jack and Sarah begins as a sitcom about a couple of London Yuppies preparing to have their first child. As blonde Sarah (Imogene Stubbs) calmly swells through her ninth month of pregnancy, her husband Jack (Richard E. Grant) panics and prattles at every chance he gets.

He's a gangly lawyer with the soft, drooping features of an El Greco figure, and we assume at the outset that he'll use them to mug and smirk his way out of the trials of fatherhood - the labor, the diapers, the nighttime crying.

But the film, which was written and directed by Tim Sullivan, abruptly changes course when Sarah dies in childbirth. Yes, you read correctly: she dies in childbirth, and through no fault of her own sends the sitcom spinning in the direction of Victorian melodrama or, perhaps more accurately, toward the tearful ups and downs of a late 20th-century mid-

day soap opera.

This is not an insult. True, *Jack and Sarah* takes its most immediate cues from television rather than from other movies. The capers in which Jack and his baby daughter - also Sarah - find themselves entangled are formulaic in their basic shape. But Sullivan approaches each episode with a startlingly light touch and off-kilter sense of humor.

Actually constructed as a year's worth of weekly TV segments squeezed into two hours,

the movie charts Jack's drunken grief at Sarah's death, the attempts by his parents and mother-in-law to make him take responsibility for the infant, and his sudden willingness to do so.

In this scene, which seems designed to reduce the scowling cynics in the audience to a weepy, useless mush, Jack awakens, hung over, to find that his pink little daughter has been placed naked and hungry alongside him. He has no choice but to pick her up, comfort her, and realize he's

a dad.

From then on, the movie turns a bit more predictable in its tone, as Jack meets and befriends Amy (Samantha Mathis) a spacey young American whom he hires to be Sarah's nanny. It's not too difficult to guess what will happen when Amy, who is also blonde and utterly devoted to the baby, takes to putting around the house with her belly button poking out over the top of her sweat pants...

...Though, again, Sullivan nev-

er gives in completely to our remote-controlled expectations of how the story should progress. Without belaboring the characters' actions, he shows what is lively, then moves efficiently along to the next bright spot. (Hollywood, I realized, watching this small English trifle, has me trained like one of Pavlov's dog to expect that every single thought and gesture will be made explicit on screen. Thankfully, *Jack and Sarah* maintains its faith in the audience's ability to draw a

few conclusions about what cannot be seen.)

Both Grant and Mathis are highly likable, and the film gets a big sentimental boost from the twins who play little Sarah - with sweet almond eyes and a wide beam of a smile, they're nothing short of gorgeous. It's a bit harder to imagine Jack won over so immediately by a hairy, wrinkled little beast. Sir Ian McKellen and Dame Judi Dench are also tucked quietly, effectively into the cast of this charming film.

A Yiddish backbone

HELEN KAYE

IN the spinal cord supporting the body of Israeli culture, "Yiddish has to be a vertebra," says Shmuelik Atzmon.

Seven years ago, he founded Yiddishpiel, or the Israel Yiddish Theater (IYT), and in this season's opener, he plays Abraham in Itzik Manger's *Humash Lieder* ("Songs of the Bible").

While the show is a Yiddish theater classic, for Atzmon, "it's not a question of preserving [the language] but of nurturing and promoting it."

To that end, this year, for the first time, the Nissan Nativ acting studio will train some of its students for IYT, and the theater is having its first subscription drive.

The author of *Humash Lieder* was born in 1901 and died here in 1969. He was a poet whose first ballads were widely published in the Yiddish press in 1921.

Humash Lieder appeared in 1937. It got its first local production in 1970 and the Yiddish version was so successful that producer Avraham Deshe ran a second version in Hebrew.

More recently IYT produced the show for the Israel Festival in 1990 and decided on a replay because of its popularity, and because it's 25 years since Manger's death.

In addition to Atzmon, *Humash* stars Gadi Yagil as Adam, Atzmon's daughter Anat as Eve, Tracy Abramovitch as Sarah and Haya Samir as Hagar. "The first triangular relationship," Atzmon jokes.

Rehearsals have also started for another Manger play called *Goldfaden's Dream* directed by Helen Kaut-Hawson.

It commemorates the opening of Folksbiene, the first professional Yiddish theater 125 years ago, by playwright Abraham Goldfaden.

IYT's '96 budget is NIS 4.2 million of which NIS 2.2 m. comes equally from the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Arts and Culture Authority. The rest is earned income.

And in the Knesset, former Knesset speaker Dov Shilansky has tabled a bill which seeks to create a National Council for Yiddish and Ladino Culture. Why?

"We owe the continuation of our culture to the millions who died," says Atzmon. "It's a part of our past which we can't deny. I want my grandson to know it."

Ury Eppstein

Strauss works send shot of adrenaline through IPO

CONCERT ROUNDUP

THE Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's season-opening all-Strauss program may well have provided a new element for Mehta and the orchestra.

Now that Strauss has become "legal," a new world seems to have opened for the music director in which he not only feels at home but which reveals the best of him.

Mehta excels well in impulsive music and Strauss is not only impulsive, it is, in fact, passionate and powerful, qualities which inspire Mehta.

This concert, featuring two pieces by Strauss, the tone poem *Don Quixote* and "The Dance of the Seven Veils" and final scene from *Salome*, proved a tremendous success.

Both the conductor and the orchestra seemed imbued with new and refreshing energy and enthusiasm.

Don Quixote is one of Strauss's most difficult pieces to interpret because it is fragmentary and contains an almost incalculable multitude of layers and textures, ranging from the cello and viola solo parts, chamber-music sec-

tions, to mighty tutti.

Mehta's treatment of the piece merits unreserved praise. Kudos also to the two excellent soloists, cellist Marcel Bergman and violist Yuri Gandelman.

Successful as *Don Quixote* was there can be no doubt that the great event of the evening was *Salome*. The music of *Salome* is intoxicatingly powerful, occasionally bizarre and even decadent but always accessible.

Though the "Dance" was tantalizing, it was merely a prelude

to the sensational peak of the evening - the final scene - performed by the astounding soprano Jane Eaglen, who possesses such a colossal voice that even the Mann Auditorium seemed small.

Not only did she prove capable of surmounting even the loudest and most heavily orchestrated tutti with ease, she also provided a masterful interpretation of Strauss's heroine.

Eaglen invoked the last moments of *Salome*'s insanity with

incredible conviction.

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, October 7.

Benjamin Bar-Am

"BAROQUE BUDS," presented by guest artists of the annual Musica Antiqua workshop, turned out to be, mostly, a Baroque violin recital by Walter Reiter, with harpsichord (David Shemer) and viola da gamba continuo (Myrna Herzog).

Reiter's playing demonstrated much liveliness, a light and easy touch, virtuoso flair where required, and fidelity to style

throughout. Canadian soprano Linda Perillo added some luster to the rarefied atmosphere with four songs by Purcell. Her delightfully bright and discreetly sensuous voice, flexible coloratura and contagious joy in singing made one wish for more. Myrna Herzog, with her impeccable playing, did full justice to Frescobaldi's *L'Ambitiosa*. A harpsichord suite by Purcell was rendered by David Shemer an authoritative command of style.

St. Andrew's Church, Jerusalem, October 9.

Ury Eppstein

David Bowie captures the end of an era

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

DAVID Bowie's *Outside* (Hed Arzi) is a strange album indeed. Bowie and partner Brian Eno are extraordinarily eloquent when speaking of the end-of-the-century paranoia that this work is supposed to express.

The word "texture" comes up a lot, which makes great sense when describing the music. For there is plenty going on in that department. A group of excellent musicians were instructed to improvise. And the result is a painted soundscape with plenty of texture and plenty of depth. But what about the perspective?

One might expect this to come from the lyrics. They are intended to focus on, a mystery tale

about a ritual-art murder, the point being a dark joke about murder being so prevalent that it deserves to get reviewed and given points for aesthetics.

Bowie talks a lot about fragmentation and chaos.

This album is intended to be the first of a trilogy that will capture the feeling of the last five years of the millennium. He assures us that the moment we hit 2000, optimism will surge in all our veins. But in the meantime, capturing the demise of the 20th century gives Bowie a great ex-

cuse to be pessimistic and even (to this reviewer's mind) self-indulgently petulant.

There are perfect monologues which capture the pathos of a 14-year-old murder victim or of a broken old man looking for some broken company. And there's the inspired touch of a jaunty beat backing the chorus "All's well, as the 20th century dies." Yet there are also some monotonous stretches and lots of whining about "all alone now, if there was only some kind of future."

The first single, with its ugly

sepia-tinted video featuring the dismemberment of (plaster) bodies is called "The Heart's Fifty Lesson." It stands out on MTV. But that doesn't make it particularly good.

In all, *Outside*'s 75 minutes offer plenty to listen to. But I think Bowie and Eno are overestimating their own brilliance. Leonard Cohen may have musical limitations, but the disciplined intelligence of his lyrics on 1992's *The Future* (NMC) makes this album, for all its admirable risk taking, look sloppy in comparison. However, if you buy Bowie's argument that his "post modern" computerized salad of lyrics illustrates the tenor of these times this may be a plus.

Choreographer goes beyond quoting herself

FROM Rina Schenfeld one can expect something unusual, individual and thought-provoking. Her latest work *Sham Mayim* ("Water There") at the Suzanne Dellal Theater at Tel Aviv, on October 5 (it goes to the Acre Festival) is all that.

She will surely prune it here and there, as do all good choreographers, for at one and a half hours nonstop it is a shade too long, and there are repetitive moments (however interesting) that could be clipped.

The program suggests this work is autobiographical - as were two earlier works, but they were solos and here there is a cast of six, well-instilled with the Schenfeld idiom but enriched too with love and sorrow, mourning and joy, remembrance and recovery in accordance with the Schenfeld vocabulary.

Those familiar with Schenfeld's work will recognize some "quotations" - her use of peacock feathers, for instance - but basically this is new use of media: light, narrative, costume and above all video. The dancers manipulate panels on which water scenes are screened and the dancers themselves are often so completely absorbed in the images as to be part of the film.

Occasionally the choreographer has borrowed ideas - as in her use of dust flung out of clay pots, but she has made them her own.

The music is so miscellaneous

that it is more comment than accompaniment in scattered notes and beats and tunes and rhythms but totally suited to the tempo and symbolism.

SCHENFELD herself is still the central figure alone or with her dancers, showing no falling off of

presence: agility, grace, expressionism: a sylph in body, a nymph in charisma. Her choreography is sometimes grotesque but never ungainly. She herself is always a dancer of unforced impulse and ingenuity, whether in frenzied movement or stillness in utter silence.

Dora Sowden

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FRIENDS

By Rami Rosen. Direction: Aharon Almog. Set, Eli Sini. Costumes, Gila Lahar. Hebrew title, *Haverim*. Haifa Municipal Theater at Wadi Salib.

Doron Gadella Besser
Eli Ilan Toren
Edna Leora Rivlin
Alex Malcom Khoury

This script staggers under the twists and tribulations of the lives of a dozen or so friends from Nahal Alexander moshav. - all in their 40s. If not for that you might cherish the hope that this show is to be an Israeli take-off of the TV drama *Thirtysomething*.

Far from it, despite a cast blessed with some of our most accomplished actors.

The structure, if you can call it that, is a sluggish, often irrelevant concoction of youthful dreams, failed ambitions, and fouled-up friendships. This is portrayed by a gang of caterwauling characters that have as much depth as the shallow if much-inflated sentiments that they con-

stantly protest. But do they talk! Incessantly, though mostly they scream at each other in chronic conflict over the pangs of artistic creativity, poor souls.

In fact the only note of suspense in the interminable development (spread out over three acts when one would have more than sufficed) is the sudden appearance in Act Three of the cadaver of a hitherto hardly noticed

grandparent. Is he going to rise from the dead, or what? Even here, any awakened interest is killed by the inexplicable advent of the men from the burial society who carry him off as suddenly as he appeared.

While Haifa deserves credit for giving consideration to the work of local playwrights, it cannot be criticized too severely for failing to diagnose a non-play. It also bears the blame for the sloppy mounting of a version revised so clumsily (if at all) as to be almost unactable and certainly unpalatable.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1995

Produce prices boost CPI 1%

NEIL COHEN

THE Consumer Price Index rose one percent in September, in line with expectations, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported Sunday.

Inflation was driven primarily by price rises in fruit and vegetables and education, where the holiday season and the beginning of the school year took their toll.

It was the second month in a row that the index rose 1% or more, and the economy is on target for annual inflation of around 8%.

Employees will likely receive a

modest cost of living increment in their February salaries.

The inflation figures drew predictable reaction from the Manufacturers Association, calling for measures to weaken the strong shekel, which, they said, was responsible for the burgeoning balance of payments deficit.

Without fruit and vegetable prices, which rose 6.1%, the index would have risen 0.7%. The main culprit was fresh fruit, which rose 13.5%, led by water-

melons (40.5%), grapefruit (40%), oranges (20.2%) and avocados (14.5%).

Vegetable prices rose 4.3%, driven by tomatoes (26.3%), carrots (23.7%), cucumbers (21.6%), and zucchini (17.9%).

Food prices rose 0.9%, led by poultry (5.3%).

Housing prices rose by a comparatively moderate 0.8%, with owner-occupied homes rising in price by 0.9% and the rental index rising by 0.6%.

Health care costs rose 0.5% driven by drug prices and supplementary insurance tariffs.

Education and entertainment costs rose 0.8%, fueled by higher fees at day care centers and primary schools. Higher bus and train fares drove the transportation component up 0.8%.

Wholesale prices, which often predict inflation, also rose, as manufacturing inputs to local industry was up 1.2%.

Building input prices fell 0.6% in September, though they have risen by 10.7% this year.

IDF buys \$103.5 million rocket system from Loral

LORAL Corp.'s Loral Vought unit will build rockets and rocket launchers for the IDF in a \$103.5 million contract, the company announced yesterday in Dallas.

The company will build 42 multiple-launch rocket systems and more than 1,500 tactical rockets for Israel.

Delivery of the launchers is expected by May 1998, and rocket delivery by September 1998. The work will be performed at

the company's 500-employee Camden Arkansas plant and in Dallas.

The multiple-launch tactical rockets have a range exceeding 32 kilometers.

The practice rockets cut the maximum flight distance to about 15 km.

The announcement came after Loral was eliminated last week from competition to build a medium extended air-defense system

by the US Army.

The system is a multinational effort - involving the US, Germany, France and Italy - to protect soldiers from short-range missiles, unmanned vehicles and some low-flying aircraft.

Loral also announced it has signed a \$4.4m. contract with Japan for 180 multiple-launch rocket system tactical rockets and 180 reduced-range practice rockets. (Bloomberg)

Kohl: Weak EMU would hurt German democracy

KARLSRUHE, Germany (Reuters) - Chancellor Helmut Kohl declared yesterday that Germany's postwar democracy would be in danger if the European Union produced a single currency that was unstable and inflation-prone.

Kohl told the opening session of his Christian Democrats' annual congress that Bonn would insist on strict adherence to the tough Maastricht criteria for a single currency no matter what other member countries wanted.

The veteran chancellor, addressing a three-day meeting due to debate how to secure the CDU's leadership role into the next century, also pledged to throw all his political weight behind the European union drive.

Delegates called this a heavy hint that he wanted to run for reelection in 1998 to see through the planned launch of the economic and monetary union (EMU) the following year.

Kohl, now 65, has coyly declined to state his intentions. The chancellor, recalling how inflation destroyed public faith in democracy before Hitler took power in 1933, said that stable money was not "just another issue" for Germans.

"So, dear friends in Europe, it is not some German hysteria if we stress again and again ... that the Maastricht Treaty stability cri-

teria must be maintained and not questioned," Kohl said to loud applause from about 1,000 delegates and guests including European Commission President Jacques Santer.

"This is a question of the very destiny of German democracy, [as we can see] from the experiences of the century now drawing to a close."

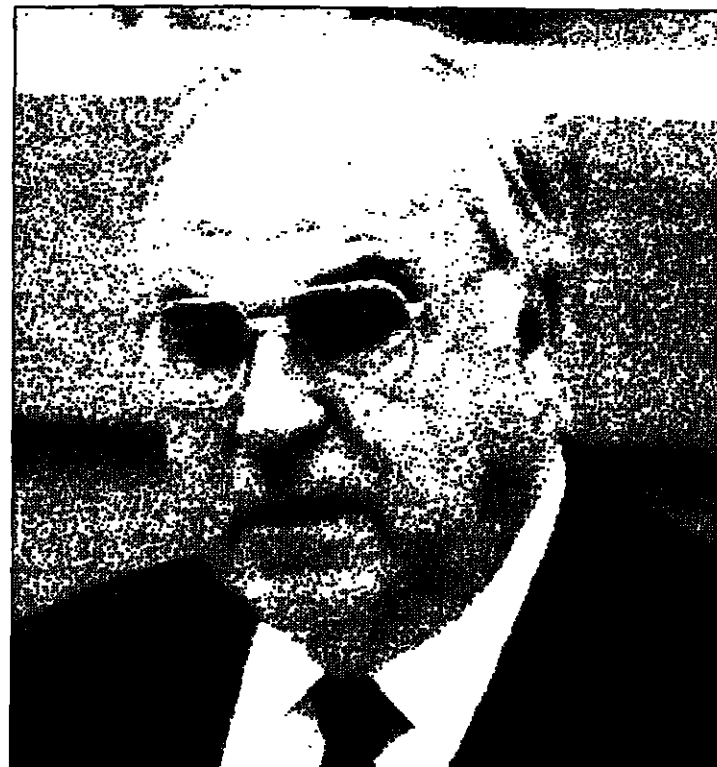
Arguing that Germany had no alternative but to push for a united Europe, Kohl said: "No matter what is being whispered in the corridors of power in European capitals or being said in parliaments - we are sticking to this course."

Kohl, who often departs from his prepared text, left out a passage warning that Germans could turn away from their traditional pro-European stand if the EU's monetary union produced an unstable and inflation-prone currency.

The prepared text was distributed to journalists.

But delegates said his ad hoc warnings about threats to German democracy and Europe drifting apart if it did not follow the Maastricht timetable made his appeal just as dramatic.

Under the Maastricht Treaty, EU member countries must trim their deficits to three percent of gross domestic product and cut



Kohl: This is a question of the very destiny of German democracy, as we can see from the experiences of this century. (AP)

total debt to a maximum 60% of GDP to enter the single currency club.

But there is no provision in the Treaty for ensuring these levels are maintained after the EMU's planned start in 1999.

Delegates said Kohl's oratory showed he wanted to run again in 1998, even though he sidestepped the issue in his speech.

"That's not the way a man would talk if he were going to step down in a year or two," one

senior delegate, who asked not to be named, said of the speech.

"The 1998 election will be held only a few months before the single currency is introduced," he said. "Only Kohl can convince the Germans to give up the Deutschmark."

Europe's longest-serving leader is all but unchallenged, both within his party and in Bonn, after 13 years in power.

The CDU, with its CSU sister party in Bavaria, could under Germany's complex election law win an absolute majority in parliament if an election were held today - an impressive feat in a country with five parties in the Bonn legislature.

It leads the disoriented opposition Social Democrats by 45 to 32 percent, an Electoral Research Group poll said.

To stress its firm EMU stand, the CDU party executive has stiffened a draft resolution on European policy to call for the Maastricht convergence criteria to be made the permanent guidelines for members of the future monetary union.

The executive, at Kohl's suggestion, said in the new draft of the resolution that EMU members would have to meet the convergence criteria even after joining.

Elbit wins contract for night detection systems

ELBIT Ltd. said over the weekend that its US unit won a \$17 million, five-year contract to supply infrared surveillance systems to the US Immigration and Naturalization Service border patrol.

Inframetrics Inc., a unit of the Haifa-based military contractor, said the border patrol will use long-range surveillance systems

to detect illegal entry into the US at night.

The systems also will help search for contraband, the company said.

The system, which provides thermal video images even when the view is obscured, will allow patrolmen to survey up to eight kilometers. (Bloomberg)

WORLD BRIEFS

Merck issue raises DM 2.1 billion: Merck KGaA said yesterday it would raise DM 2.1 billion in new funds in Germany's largest postwar stock flotation as investors snapped up the new arrival in Germany's sparsely populated drugs sector. The 327-year old company, which traces its roots back to a Darmstadt pharmacy, will sell one quarter of its shares, leaving the family with 75 percent.

Merck said the new shares would be priced at DM 54 each in its initial public offering - a price at the top of the DM 46 to DM 56 price range set at the beginning of the book-building phase seeking indicative prices for the 40 million share issue. Analysts said the initial price, although slightly surprising after sources close to the deal last week suggested it would be near DM 51, was fair for the well-diversified pharmaceutical giant's steady future growth rates.

It showed both private and institutional investors were eager to take a stake in the group, they added. Merck said the issue was oversubscribed many times and a portion of shares was placed among select private US investors. (Reuters)

German industrial production slumps in August: German industrial production slumped by a seasonally adjusted 3.4 percent in August from July, the Economics Ministry said yesterday, confirming warnings that growth in Europe's powerhouse economy is slowing. The ministry revised July's figure from a rise of 3.3% to a more modest increase of 1.7%. Production was also 0.5% below the level of August 1994, the first year-on-year fall since March and only the second since January 1994 when the economy was in recession.

The ministry said industrial production in west Germany, where nine tenths of the country's output is produced, crashed 4.8% in August. July's 4% surge was revised to a more modest 2.3%. In eastern Germany, industrial output rose 7.3% in August from July. The July figure was revised to a fall of 5.5% from a drop of 3.8% given as a preliminary figure. (Reuters)

Atlas deal wins tentative EU green light: The European Commission gave a tentative green light yesterday to a major Franco-German telecommunications joint venture after winning concessions aimed at ensuring the deal does not restrict competition. Karel Van Miert, the European Union's competition commissioner, said he had reached an agreement in principle with France Telecom, Deutsche Telekom and their governments on a joint venture known as Atlas, which will provide data communications services.

While formal clearance may not come until next spring, Deutsche Telekom chairman Ron Sommer told reporters he expected Atlas to be launched early next year. The crux of the accord is that Atlas will not be able to offer low-level data services such as electronic mail on the French and German markets until January 1, 1998 - the EU's deadline for liberalizing competition in all telecommunications markets, including basic phone service to the public. France and Germany have also agreed to allow other telecommunications networks such as those operated by utility companies to compete with their phone monopolies by next July 1. (Reuters)

France cuts key interest rate, signaling end to franc crisis

PARIS (Reuters) - The Bank of France cut a key interest rate yesterday, signaling an end to a currency crisis which blew up over worries about the political and budgetary situation in the country.

But economists said that although the latest storm appeared to have passed, markets would remain nervous until the government announced convincing measures to cut public spending, particularly on welfare and health care.

The fragility of the situation was underlined by a report in afternoon daily *Le Monde*, which said justice officials had been told Finance Minister Jean Arthuis long knew details of an allegedly illegal Swiss bank account kept by his Social and Democratic Center party. It said Arthuis denied all knowledge of such an account.

The Bank of France, which jacked up rates last Monday to defend the franc, said it was lowering its 24-hour emergency lending rate to 7.00 percent from 7.25%.

It had raised the rate from 6.15% a week ago as the franc tumbled against the German

mark on worries that Prime Minister Alain Juppe might have to resign over a corruption scandal.

The franc recovered toward the end of last week after a Paris prosecutor ruled that while Juppe had committed an offense in leasing a low-rent city apartment, he would not open a formal investigation provided Juppe moved out by the end of the year.

Economists said they expected the central bank to continue to make small and steady cuts in the 24-hour rate to return to pre-crisis levels over the next few weeks.

It appeared to have been successful in convincing markets of its determination to defend the franc by raising rates for the first time since President Jacques Chirac won elections in May.

"They have answered a question about whether they would dare raise rates under a Chirac presidency," Merrill Lynch economist Darren Williams said.

And although in previous crises the bank had been attacked for raising rates, this time it faced only a few critics - notably parliamentary speaker Philippe Seguin, who said on Sunday that economic growth should not be jeopardized by high interest rates.

New England Inv. launches mutual fund, intends to invest most of its assets here

NEW England Investment Cos. is launching a mutual fund that will invest the bulk of its assets here, the firm announced yesterday in Boston.

The new Israel fund is being introduced two months after a rival company decided to liquidate a similar fund.

Israel Growth Fund was closed in July, because it wasn't able to attract enough investors, said Richard Snyder, an accounting manager at Sunstroke Financial Group of Milwaukee, which administered the fund.

New England Funds said it isn't concerned about the problems Sunstroke faced in helping sell the fund.

"We wouldn't be starting the fund if we didn't think it was go-

ing to be successful," said Henry Schmelzer, president of New England Funds, a unit of New England Investment. "We've got a dedicated sales organization, and we'll be receiving support from B'nai B'rith."

B'nai B'rith will be receiving a marketing fee, fund officials said, but refused to say how much the organization would be paid.

Many international funds invest here, but no existing open-end mutual funds invest the majority of their assets here, according to Lipper Analytical Services, Inc., a research firm that tracks the \$2.6 trillion fund industry.

US investors can buy shares of First Israel Fund, Inc. a closed-end fund that trades on the New

York Stock Exchange and invests much of its shares in Israel. The fund was launched by BBA Associates of New York in October 1992. Its stock is up about 10 percent this year.

New England Fund is calling its new fund the Growth Fund of Israel. It will invest at least 65% of its assets in equities which are issued here or derive a big portion of their revenue from Israel.

The fund will be managed by David Herro and Adam Schor, both of Chicago-based Harris Associates.

Herro is manager of the Oakmark International Fund, and Schor is a analyst for the fund. They will receive research support from Baruch Securities in Tel Aviv. (Bloomberg)

Egyptian oil minister: Israel not ready to sign gas agreement until end of next year

EGYPTIAN Oil Minister Hamdi Banbi said Israel is not ready to sign a gas agreement with Egypt before the end of 1996, he told the authoritative *Middle East Economic Survey* in an interview published yesterday.

The Cyprus-based weekly said that according to Banbi, Israel still needs to finalize plans with its own consumers and that Energy

Minister Gonen Segev is shortly to hold a conference with potential domestic customers to discuss the volumes required in the next decade and the national gas grid network to be built.

Energy authorities need to evaluate the results of these discussions and clear them with the government before starting talks with Egypt on a sales and purchase agreement.

This process could take around a year, said Banbi.

Talks between the two countries have been going on since February 1994. The gas, to be transported by pipeline across the Sinai desert, would be exported to Italian ENI's IEOC and the US firm Amoco from their equity share in the offshore North Port Said concession.

In a speech in Cairo earlier this month, ENI Chief Executive Officer Franco Bernabe praised Egypt's efforts to export gas to Israel, Jordan and Palestinian Authority and stated his company "proposes to invest in Egypt in the next four years almost \$1 bil-

lion with a view to developing mainly gas."

Banbi, in the MEES interview, said Egypt and Israel have not started talking formally about prices, but there is already a wide gap between the two countries' outlook on the issue.

Israeli officials are thinking in terms of a price of around \$2.50 per million BTU delivered at the Egypt-Israeli border, whereas Egypt is talking of a minimum wellhead price of \$2.50 per million BTU.

The Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) currently pays its foreign partners a price of around \$2.30 to \$2.40 per million BTU for their share of gas, on the basis of BTU equivalence with Egypt's Suez Blend marker crude, less 15 percent.

Egypt maintains that Israel must at least match this figure, plus remuneration to the producers - therefore the wellhead price of \$2.50 per million BTU - and a premium to cover overhead, transport and service costs. (Bloomberg)

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Bids should be submitted, in accordance with the procedure described in the tender documents. A bank guarantee, denominated in New Israeli Shekels, for an amount equal to one million US dollars, should be attached to bids, which should be submitted by 12 noon on February 28, 1996, at the address for submitting bids. A bid submitted after this time will not be considered.

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Denmark krone	0.5384	0.5461	100	0.5384
Finland mark	0.0066	0.0066	100	0.0066
Canadian dollar	2.2091	2.2257	100	2.2091
Australian dollar	0.6125	0.6257	100	0.6125
S. African rand	1.9125	1.9320	100	1.9125
British pound (£100)	1.9125	1.9320	100	1.9125
Australian dollar (A\$100)	1.9125	1.9320	100	1.9125
Israeli shekel	1.0000	1.0000	100	1.0000
European pound	3.9012	3.9194	100	3.9012
Israeli pound	4.7500	4.7500	100	4.7500
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Mac TA bags Chambers

ELI GRONER

MACCABI Tel Aviv has landed its biggest fish ever with the signing of 14-year NBA veteran Tom Chambers.

The 36-year-old star will join the team today in London in preparation for the McDonald's tournament.

The 6-foot-10 forward, who comes from the Utah Jazz, also played with the San Diego Clippers, Seattle SuperSonics and Phoenix Suns. Last year, the four-time All Star broke the 20,000 point plateau.

In league action last night, Maccabi Tel Aviv looked as good on the court as they do on paper in trouncing Galil Elyon 87-73 in Kfar Blum.

Maccabi moves to the top of the league standings with a 3-0 mark while Galil drops to 2-2.

The game was marked by the return of former Galil star and current Maccabian Brad Leaf who received a thunderous ovation in a special pre-game ceremony in his honor.

The game started off evenly as both sides exchanged baskets for most of the first seven minutes. Especially outstanding was the sparkling all-around play of Galil youngster Gur Shelef.

A beautiful Shelef blocked shot followed by a length-of-court dribble and lay-up cut the Maccabi lead to 21-18 with just under nine minutes remaining in the half.

While Andrew Kennedy was being frustrated by Nadav Henefeld's terrific defense, the Maccabi offense was raining three pointers. The only thing that kept Maccabi's lead close at the half (37-31) was Galil's constant pressure on Maccabi playmaker Guy Goodes and the play of Shelef.

Maccabi came out blazing in the second half and converted three Galil turnovers into a 44-35 lead with 17:50 to play.

Maccabi's Doron Jamchee and Motti Daniel poured in threes on the next two possessions to extend the lead to 50-37 with 16:35 left.

The Galil players fought hard to stay in the game, but when Shelef picked up his fourth foul with 11:39 remaining and the score at 57-45, the Galil attack lost its spark.

Maccabi utilized its transition game for some wide open jumpers and the rest was academic.

Three pointers proved to be the difference as Maccabi shot 10-for-14 from behind the arc while the northmen were 0-for-9.

Jamchee led the way for Maccabi with 25 points on 8-for-10 from the field (5-of-6 threes) followed by Goodes with 16.

Galil was led by Shelef's 23 points and 5 assists.

SCOREBOARD

NHL - SUNDAY'S RESULTS: Florida 5, NY Islanders 3; Philadelphia 7, Edmonton 1; New Jersey 4, Buffalo 3; Ottawa 7, Tampa Bay 4; Detroit 5, Winnipeg 3; Calgary 1, Chicago 1; Los Angeles 3, Vancouver 3; SATURDAY'S RESULTS: Hartford 3, Chicago 2; Philadelphia 4, NY Islanders 0; Pittsburgh 5, Anaheim 2; New Jersey 4, Montreal 1; Washington 2, Tampa Bay 0; NY Rangers 4, Toronto 2; Dallas 6, Boston 5; St. Louis 4, Colorado 1; Vancouver 7, San Jose 6.

Colts stun 49ers; Carolina wins 1st

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Steve Young felt bad even before his San Francisco 49ers lost Sunday to the revitalized Indianapolis Colts.

Cary Blanchard, who earlier this year in a tryout with the 49ers, kicked his fourth field goal, a 41-yarder with 2:36 to go, lifting the Colts to an 18-17 win over the Super Bowl champions. That just added to Young's woes, which included the flu and an injured back.

"It's been a nightmare. I had the flu last night," said Young, whose back injury forced him from the game for one play after he was tackled hard on the 49ers last drive. But he returned to set up Doug Brien's 46-yard field goal attempt that missed.

It was the third win over one of the NFL's top teams this season for the Colts (4-2). They also handed both St. Louis and Miami their first losses of the year.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pt	Pt
Buffalo	5	1	0	.833	126	127
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	126	127
Miami	4	2	0	.667	115	110
New England	1	5	0	.167	89	160
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	103	204

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pt	Pt
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	124	107
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	138	140
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	136	146
Houston	2	4	0	.333	105	119
Jacksonville	2	4	0	.333	106	147

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pt	Pt
Kansas City	6	1	0	.857	178	131
Oakland	5	1	0	.833	163	79
Denver	3	3	0	.500	134	116
San Diego	3	4	0	.429	113	137
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	106	140

CLEVELAND (AP) - Omar Vizquel grabbed Luis Sojo's eighth-inning line drive to shortstop and turned it into a double play as the Cleveland Indians held off the Seattle Mariners 3-2 Sunday night, taking a 3-2 lead in the AL playoffs.

Jim Thome put Cleveland on top with a two-run homer off Chris Bosio in the sixth inning, and the Indians twice wriggled out of difficult situations to stay there.

The gut-wrenching finish kept Orel Hersher perfect in the

Playoffs on Cable TV

Extended highlights of the AL Championship Series will be shown as follows on Channel 5, according to Sports Channel director Myron Tazzer:
GAME 5 - Today 8 pm and 12:30 am tomorrow.
GAME 6 - Tomorrow 6:20 pm and 12:15 am Thursday.
GAME 7 (if necessary) - Thursday 7:15 pm and 12:15 am Friday.

postseason, improving his career record in the sixth inning, and the Indians twice wriggled out of difficult situations to stay there.

Game 6 will be back in the Seattle Kingdom tonight, and Randy Johnson once again will be asked to save the season for Seattle. It'll be his fourth appearance this month with the Mariners' season hanging in the balance.

Indians reliever Paul Assenmacher was the first to step up big on Hersher's behalf. The left-hander struck out Ken Griffey Jr. and Jay Buhner in succession to end the seventh inning, stranding the potential tying run at third base.

The Mariners then put runners at first and second with one out in the eighth, but Sojo - whose RBI double had won Game 1 - hit a 3-2 pitch directly at Vizquel.

Vizquel, the former Seattle shortstop, caught it before tagging out Alex Diaz as he overran second. Had there been no outs, Vizquel would have had an easy unassisted triple play, because he stepped hard on second base for emphasis.

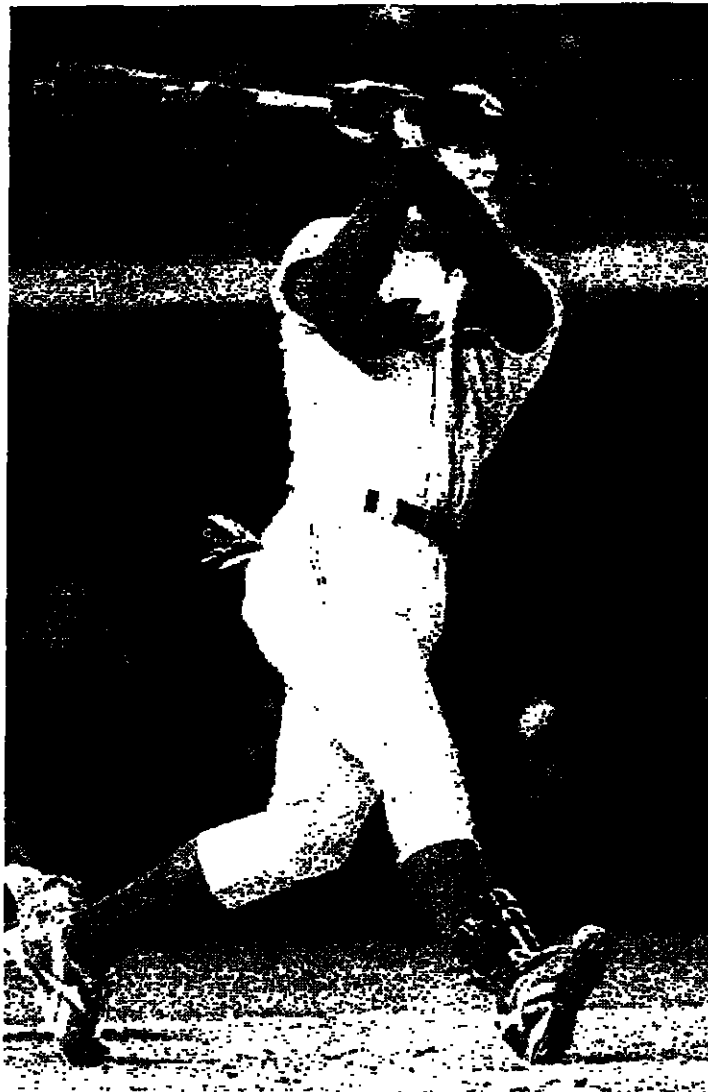
Sojo flung his bat toward the Seattle dugout in disgust.

Jose Mesa closed it out for Cleveland, his first save of the postseason after converting 46 of 48 during the regular season. Edgar Martinez ended the game with a fly to the warning track in center.

Hersher, the MVP of the playoffs and World Series for Los Angeles in 1989, wasn't as sharp as usual, but he still managed to strike out eight batters in six innings, surpassing his own team record of seven in a postseason game.

He's 3-0 with an 0.84 ERA in three playoff starts for Cleveland. Eddie Murray had three hits, drove in a run and scored another for the Indians, who could scarcely have afforded to go back to the Kingdom trailing by a game. The Mariners are 4-1 at the dome in the playoffs.

Seattle's Chris Bosio matched Hersher through five innings, limiting baseball's best-hitting team to one unearned run on five



GAME-WINNER - Jim Thome connects in 6th inning to put Indians ahead for keeps.

hits. But with one out in the sixth, Murray doubled, and three pitches later Thome homered into the mezzanine in right field, putting Cleveland ahead 3-2.

The Indians squandered a chance to blow it open in the seventh, leaving the bases loaded when Bill Risley struck out Thome and got Manny Ramirez to fly to right.

Shoddy defense cost both teams a run, but it was Albert Belle's gaffe that momentarily put the Indians in a hole.

With Joey Cora on first base and two outs in the fifth, Belle - who missed the previous game because of a strained right ankle - hurried under Griffey's fly ball in shallow left but had it glance off his glove for an error.

Cora, running full speed from the start, was rounding third by the time Belle picked up the ball, and he slid in safely as Belle's throw skipped past the plate for another error.

Winds gusting up to 30 mph played havoc with just about every ball hit into the air.

Cora also scored Seattle's first run in the third inning when he walked, stole second and came home on Griffey's double to left.

Cleveland scored its first run on Murray's RBI single in the first, set up when Seattle first baseman Tim Lincecum hit Omar Vizquel's grounder go through

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
ML-Atlanta beat Cincinnati 4-0 Sunday.
AL-Cleveland 3, Seattle 2.
Cleveland leads series 3-2.
Today Cleveland at Seattle.
Tomorrow Cleveland at Seattle (if necessary).
Saturday, October 21
AL champion at NL champion.

York rally. Each team used two quarterbacks, neither of whom distinguished himself, and the Eagles (4-3) managed six sacks against the host Giants (2-5), who scored on Omar Douglas' 41-yard runback with a fumble to make it close.

Sam Mills intercepted a shovel pass and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown to highlight Carolina's win after five defeats. The Jets (1-6), who have no rushing touchdowns this season, gained only 25 yards on the ground.

Saints 33, Dolphins 30 Sunday.
Jim Everett completed 20 of 32 for 242 yards as host New Orleans (1-5) never trailed. It was the sixth time in his career Everett passed for four touchdowns in a game.

Miami (4-2) lost the ball on three fumbles and two interceptions.
Packers 30, Lions 21.
Brett Favre threw for 342 yards. Edgar Bennett gained 148 yards and Chris Jack kick three field goals for host Green Bay (4-2), which built a 20-0 halftime lead. Favre, 7-2 against Detroit, completed 23 of 34 passes for two touchdowns.

Detroit (2-4) got 124 yards on 18 carries from Barry Sanders.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pt	Pt
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	200	118
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	144	173
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	114	180
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0	.286	115	156
Washington	2	5	0	.286	153	163

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pt	Pt
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	106	105
Chicago	4	2	0	.667	169	135
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	133	116
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	135	125
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SUNDAY'S RESULTS:

Buffalo 27, Seattle 21
Kansas City 31, New England 26
Philadelphia 17, NY Giants 14
Green Bay 30, Detroit 21
Tampa Bay 28, Minnesota 17 (OT)
Indianapolis 18, San Francisco 17
Chicago 30, Jacksonville 27
New Orleans 33, Miami 30
Carolina 26, NY Jets 15
Arizona 24, Washington 20
Dallas 23, San Diego 9
Open date: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Pittsburgh
LAST NIGHT:
Oakland at Denver

Tribe takes 3-2 lead

Kroslak wins Israel Open

Steffi Graf's tax troubles mount

ORI LEWIS and agencies

UNHERALDED Jan Kroslak of Slovakia is the 1995 Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open titlist, after beating Spain's Javier Sanchez 6-3, 6-4 in Sunday's final.

In a low-key final which lasted just 69 minutes, Kroslak, who today celebrates his 21st birthday, took his first step towards the top echelons of the professional men's game with a very convincing win over the 27-year-old Sanchez, who is already a veteran on the circuit.

Kroslak earned a check for \$35,500, well over half the amount he has earned during his entire pro career. He turned professional in 1993.

But more important than the prize money, Kroslak picked up 182 ATP computer points, 42 of them bonus points for beating players ranked higher than himself, including three seeds, on his way to the title. The seeds were: No. 8 Jason Stoltenberg in the quarter-finals, No. 4 David Wheaton in the semis and No. 3 Sanchez in the final.

This accumulation of points should give the affable Kroslak a good boost to his budding career, moving him into the top 90 in the

world in the new IBM/ATP rankings published yesterday. He entered the tournament last week placed 129th.

After an apprehensive start, in which Sanchez needed six dences before managing to hold his serve in the opening game, Kroslak was immediately broken, allowing the Spaniard to take a 3-0 lead.

But it was youth and Kroslak's all-court game - rather than experience - and Sanchez's weak baseline hitting which would eventually win through in the first set, as Kroslak broke Sanchez in his next three service games to take the set in 38 minutes.

Even though Sanchez managed to break back for 4-5 in the second set, he was unable to resist Kroslak's final onslaught.

The prizes were donated by Joyce Eisenberg and husband Mel Keefer. Sanchez collected the runner's up check for \$23,000.

A surprise announcement was also welcomed. Thomas Muster, the top seed who lost in the second round, donated \$10,000 to the ITC.

The doubles final, an all-American affair, was won by Jim Grabb and Jared Palmer, the top seeds, who beat the third-seeded pairing of Kent Kinnear and David Wheaton 6-4, 7-5.

In yesterday's developments, Steffi Graf lost a lucrative advertising contract as the General Motors subsidiary Opel said it got nowhere in asking her advisers about an apparent "shell company" into which Opel paid millions.

The tax problems of the world's top-ranked woman tennis player, whose father has been in jail for two months, appeared to be worsening. Her standing as one of Germany's best-liked figures was in danger, along with her bankability as a commercial asset.

Graf is due in Britain to play in this week's Brighton tournament. A tax bill of DM 30-40 million could fall on her, and automaker Opel may not be the only sponsor to stop paying millions for her dynamic image.

Media reports say the whereabouts of the bulk of Graf's fortune, estimated at DM 100m is unknown.

Els wins Match Play

VIRGINIA WATER, Eng (AP) - South African Ernie Els is arguably the world's top match-play golfer. So, could he become the world's No. 1-ranked golfer during next season?

"Yes, I think so," said Els, the 25-year-old who won the World Match Play Championship for the second straight year with a 2 and 1 victory Sunday over Australian Steve Elkington.

The win pushed him to No. 2 in the world rankings behind Australian Greg Norman and netted him £170,000, this season's richest golf prize in Europe.

"But I have to get off to a better start next year, at least I want to do better in the majors," added Els, who turns 26 today. "This is the best I've ever been, No. 2. I'm getting close now. But I'm still a ways behind Greg."

With the victory, the tall, good-natured Els joined American Hale Irwin as the only player

to win the event in his first two appearances - and only the fourth to win it twice in a row. The others are fellow South African Gary Palmer and Spain's Seve Ballesteros.

"Consistency has been my problem the last few years, but mentally I'm getting closer and technically I'm a lot better than a couple of years ago," Els said.

Els wasn't at his best Sunday. But neither was US PGA champion Elkington. The daily grind of 36 holes - the format in the World Match Play - was evident Sunday. Both seemed sapped from draining semifinals Saturday - Els a 1 up winner over German Bernhard Langer, and Elkington a 3 and 1 winner over Italian Costantino Rocca.

The victory will make a difficult season much better for Els, vaulted onto the world golf stage in 1994 by winning the US Open.

Brazilian star arrives in Middlesbrough

MIDDLESBROUGH (AP) - Juninho has arrived.

The star Brazilian midfielder, rated by some as the "new Pele," flew by private jet to Middlesbrough after arriving at London's Heathrow Airport yesterday from Sao Paulo.

"I will score many goals and do my best for this team," he said after stepping off the plane with his father.

Juninho was to undergo a physical exam and formally complete his £4.75 million transfer from Sao Paulo to Middlesbrough.

He will be presented to "Boro fans at Riverside Stadium today in a carnival-like atmosphere that includes a 50-piece samba band.

"We aim to ensure that Juninho knows how welcome he is on Teesside and that he feels well and truly at home," manager Bryan Robson said. "We are sure the fans will turn up to meet him."

Juninho is expected to make his debut for Middlesbrough against Manchester United at Old Trafford on October 28.

Friedman is national windsurfing champion

HEATHER CHAIT

GAL Friedman, this year's silver medalist at the European Windsurfing Championships, won the Israel Championships yesterday at Sdot Yam, capturing his fifth successive national title.

Friedman, from Caesarea, finished first in seven of his 10 sails, thwarting a challenge from Hapoel Tel Aviv's Amit Inbar who finished in second place.

Inbar and Friedman are contesting the sole Olympic berth. Roi Hemo from Hapoel Elit finished third.

European youth champion Amir Levinson from Hapoel Tel Aviv ended in eighth place.

In the 476-Olympic competition, Eli Zuckerman (Hapoel Sdot Yam) and Eyal Shemesh, who replaced Zuckerman's regular partner Saar Bar on with a shoulder injury, took the title for the first time, ending their three sails yesterday in first, second and third spots.

Greece's world champions Kostas Trigonos and Andreas Kosmopolis were second, with third place going to the Chantal brothers, Ran and Nir, the bronze medalists at this year's world championships and national winners for the past four years.

Zeev Kalach and Elad Ronen, the world youth champions, finished fourth.

Among the women windsurfers, Michal Hein was crowned national champion for her fifth time, beating Sivan Yosef into second place by one point.

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IDF redeployment in Jenin to finish by end of month

ALON PINKAS

THE IDF pullout from Jenin is to begin next week and be completed by the end of the month, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat agreed at their meeting Sunday.

"Starting October 22, we will redeploy from Jenin and continue at a rate of one city a week, except for Hebron," Peres told reporters.

"I hope that a democratic Palestinian entity will be formed next to us and that it will be a good neighbor," he said.

Arafat responded by thanking Peres "for his openness and frankness towards us throughout the process."

Redeployment will be completed by the end of December and the evacuation of Jenin within 10 days from today. Elections in the territories will be held before the month of Ramadan, before the end of January.

The two met at the Erez checkpoint in the Gaza Strip and concluded a new timetable for the IDF's redeployment outside West Bank cities, towns, and vil-

lages in preparation for the Palestinian Council elections, now moved up from next April to January 22.

According to the timetable, the pullout from Jenin will begin October 22, to be followed by Kalkilya, Nablus, and Tulkarm. The original timetable agreed upon in Washington called for the Jenin pullout by November 19, but in a confidence-building measure, Israel decided to advance it.

The last city (excluding Hebron) from which the IDF is to redeploy is Bethlehem, whose pullout is to be completed by December 22, three days before Christmas. However, according to the Palestinian news service, Wafa, Ramallah will be the last city, with the IDF pullout to take place from December 10 to 31.

Redeployment in Hebron will only be completed by March 1996, which means residents will vote while the IDF is still present in most of the city.

Arafat denied reports of an

agreement between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, but said Hamas is part of the Palestinian people and should be involved in the establishment of a homeland.

"We do not have an agreement with Hamas, but as we do with the Islamic Jihad and other organizations, we are negotiating with them. We want a democratic, independent, and healthy Palestinian state and we involve Hamas in the processes," Arafat said.

Peres said that as long as Hamas does not lay down its weapons and renounce violence, Israel will regard it as a terror organization.

"That is why we imposed the closure," he said.

At the hour-long meeting Sunday, Peres was accompanied by OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, Coordinator of Activities in the Territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shohor, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, and Foreign Ministry Director-

General Uri Savir. Arafat was accompanied by chief elections negotiator Saeb Erekat, Culture Minister Yasser Abed-Rabo, Minister without Portfolio Jamil Tarifi, Brig. Ziad Atrash, Gaza security chief Mohammed Dahlan, and spokesman Marwan Kanafani.

List Collins adds:

Likud MK Uzi Landau is demanding a meeting of the subcommittee on defense of the Knesset State Control Committee, at which he intends to ask the comptroller for a special evaluation of the security situation following the IDF redeployment called for in Oslo 2.

Landau said yesterday he wants the comptroller to ensure the safety of Israel's citizens in view of the proximity of Jewish towns to areas being handed over to Palestinian control.

"The IDF has been ordered to withdraw from sensitive areas without any concept being developed to ensure the safety of Israeli citizens and without any prior preparation," he said.



Concepcion Baradi, 91, of the Philippines and Anna King, 4, of Israel plant a tree yesterday in the Jewish National Fund's International Christian Embassy Forest in honor of Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary. (Joe Makoun)

International Christian Embassy starts drive to ensure rights in territories

LIAT COLLINS

THE International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem is beginning an international campaign to ensure Christian rights after IDF withdrawal from the territories.

On Sunday, some 1,200 Christians carrying banners proclaiming "Bethlehem will be Jewish Forever," attended a solidarity and prayer rally at Rachel's Tomb.

International Christian Embassy spokesman Jan van der Hoeven stressed the need to keep Bethlehem open to all faiths and

spoke against the rise of Islamic extremism.

He noted the growing number of Christian residents of Bethlehem who are asking the embassy's help in moving out of the city for fear of Muslim action against them once the IDF leaves.

The deadline for IDF evacuation has been brought forward to December 22.

Nearly all the participants at the rally were visiting for the

International Christian Embassy's Feast of Tabernacles observance.

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, of Efrat, also addressed the crowd.

About 30 residents of Jerusalem's Gilo section attended the rally, noting the proximity between their neighborhood and Rachel's Tomb.

Yesterday, David Ben-Ariel, a Christian member of the Temple Mount Faithful, said he was har-

assed and detained by both Moslem Wakf guards and the police after he went up to the Mount to pray.

"It's not news that Jews can't pray there, even though everybody claims there is freedom for all faiths," he said.

"But people don't realize that Christians can't pray there either," he said.

Ben-Ariel was wearing a shirt with the Temple Mount Faithful slogan on it at the time of his arrest.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Soldiers' deaths cancel Second Hakafot

Second Hakafot were canceled in numerous localities throughout the country last night, because of the deaths of six soldiers in Lebanon on Sunday and three there on Thursday. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau had decreed that there should be no bands or singers at the traditional celebrations and that synagogue services should also be restrained.

Rabin to meet world leaders at UN fest

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is to meet with the head of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations next Monday during the organization's jubilee celebrations in New York, diplomatic sources at the UN said. In addition, they said, Rabin is to meet with other leaders, including the presidents of Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, South Korea, the Philippines, Costa Rica, Argentina, Brazil, Turkey, Italy, Hungary, Austria, and Belarus, and with the prime ministers of Singapore, Denmark, Spain, and the Netherlands.

Swimmer killed by motorboat

An Ashkelon man was killed yesterday when he was hit by a motorboat while swimming near the town's marina. The four occupants of the boat, who failed to see the man in the water, were questioned by police.

Man falls to death in Jaffa

Andrew (Ro'i) Opatzky, 40, of Tel Aviv, was killed yesterday when he fell from the roof of an apartment in the old city of Jaffa. He was visiting the apartment, when he fell 8 meters, severely injuring his head. He died in Ichilov Hospital. Police said there is no suspicion of foul play.

Weiss meets Austrian leader

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss met with Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and the speaker of the Austrian parliament last week, despite the current Austrian government crisis.

Weiss raised the MIA issue, and requested their assistance in obtaining information about them. The Austrian president and parliament speaker promised to make every effort and to make use of Austria's relationship with Iran.

Prize goes to Channel 2

Channel 2's *Hamsa Vekhishva* program has won a 1995 New Israel Foundation Prize. The weekly bilingual program, now in its second year, is produced by Channel 2 and looks at the Arab and Jewish communities through human interest stories, culture, and slice of life documentaries. The New Israel Foundation prizes are awarded to innovative educational projects which further democracy, tolerance, and dialogue.

TV subtitles for hearing-impaired

In accordance with a 1992 law, Channel 2 will shortly broadcast some of its prerecorded Hebrew and Arabic programs with subtitles for the hearing-impaired. Among these are *Sportivi*, *Zeh Ze*, and *Kofiko*. There will also be a weekly news program in sign language.

Border crossing open all week

The border crossings between Israel and Jordan are to be open seven days a week, starting today. From Sunday through Thursday, the hours are to be 6.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Shaare Zedek honors Olmert

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert will receive the Ot Hanagid award of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital tonight at the hospital's annual dinner at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. Previous recipients include Rzer Weizman, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, Golda Meir, Teddy Kolek, Prof. Albert Sabin, Beate Klarsfeld, Zubin Mehta, Eli Wiesel, Mordechai Ardon, and Alain Fokher.

Iranian flight attendant indicted for hijacking

THE Iranian flight attendant who hijacked a plane that landed at Uvda Air Force Base in the South last month was charged with air piracy in Beersheba District Court on Sunday.

Reza Jabari, 29, was indicted in the presence of an International Red Cross representative, who came to ensure that international law was being followed.

The court also approved Jabari's request to replace his lawyer with attorney Avigdor Feldman.

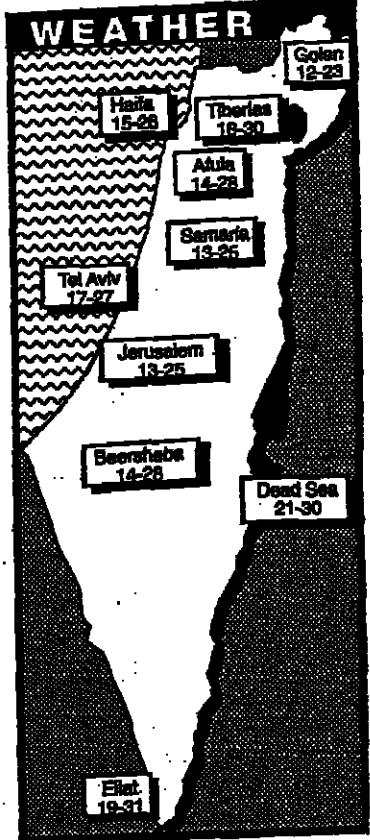
Jabari was charged with hijacking a Kish Air plane carrying Iranian vacationers on a domestic flight. According to the indictment, Jabari entered the cockpit shortly after it took off from Teheran and threatened the pilot at gunpoint. He also fired a shot to scare the flight crew and to elicit their cooperation, the charge sheet said.

Attorney Shmuel Sa'adia told the court that Jabari had decided to replace him because he was not able to arrange for his client to talk to the news media. Sa'adia said police had prevented his client from being interviewed by the press.

As he left the courtroom, Jabari said he trusted that the Israeli media would pass on his message to the world about the Iranian regime which caused him to hijack the plane.

A hearing on extending Jabari's remand until the end of trial will take place tomorrow.

(Itim)



AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	PRECIP.
Alexandria	12	24	18	cloudy
Bahia	10	20	17	cloudy
Buenos Aires	10	20	21	cloudy
Chicago	10	14	13	cloudy
Frankfurt	10	14	13	cloudy
Hong Kong	24	28	27	cloudy
London	10	14	13	cloudy
Los Angeles	17	24	24	cloudy
Moscow	10	14	13	cloudy
New York	10	14	13	cloudy
Paris	10	14	13	cloudy
Shanghai	10	14	13	cloudy
Tokyo	10	14	13	cloudy

Ashdod couple held for abuse

THE Ashdod couple suspected of abusing their seven-year-old son was remanded for five days on Sunday.

The parents are suspected of putting out cigarettes on the boy, whipping him with a belt, and withholding food and drink from him.

On Saturday night, an Ashdod resident spotted the boy sitting on a park bench and crying. The man saw that the boy was bruised and asked him what had happened. He realized that the boy had run away from home and alerted police. A detective arrived and took the boy to the police station and later sent him to Barzilai Hospital for treatment.

The parents were arrested, but the mother, 30, was released on bail. On Sunday, however, she was rearrested when it was suspected that she had put out cigarettes on her son. The father, 35, told the court he had beat his son because he was misbehaving in school and had tried to steal.

Police told the court the boy was still in the hospital and an order had been issued to turn him over to a foster family.

In Beersheba, meanwhile, a magistrate's court judge on Sunday instructed police to finish their investigation against a woman, 24, who is suspected of abusing her baby and to file an indictment by tomorrow.

The alleged abuse came to light when the woman brought her baby to Soroka Hospital, where doctors found that the boy was suffering from a fractured skull. She left the hospital and then reappeared the next day to visit the baby for an hour. The woman disappeared again for three days before being tracked down by police.

She told police she does not want to keep her baby and that he got hurt when he fell from a bed. Police noted at Sunday's remand hearing that the woman had already had two previous children taken away from her by the Welfare Service. However, the judge rejected a police request to remand her for another six days to enable them to continue investigating the case and agreed to hold her only until tomorrow.

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